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Despite U.N. resolution

Israel continues settlement

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 7 — While controversy swirls around America's stand on Israeli settlements in Jerusalem, Israel is proceeding with a plan to introduce Jewish settlers into another part of the city's eastern Arab sector — the former demilitarized zone close by the walled old city.

This stretch of the old demilitarized zone — a buffer established by the 1949 armistice to separate the Israeli-held and Arab-controlled parts of Jerusalem — has been uninhabited since 1967, when invading Israeli troops cleared the zone of its long-standing Arab residents.

The demilitarized zone was originally established on Arab-held land, and qualifies as occupied territory subject to the provisions of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

Since 1967, Israel has created five major Jewish suburbs in the Arab sector of Jerusalem, including at least three housing projects in the northern section of the old demilitarized zone.

But the new settlement plan is the first

Israeli effort to create a Jewish presence in the central part of the zone between Jewish west Jerusalem and the old city.

The plan to develop the now evacuated area with apartment buildings and commercial property for Israeli Jews will create an additional geographic link between west Jerusalem and occupied east sector.

The well-known Israeli urban planner Safdie, who now heads the urban design program at America's Harvard University, will travel to Jerusalem within the next few months to begin work on development of the zone, informed university sources said.

Safdie will be accompanied by a team of urban development specialists, the sources said.

Political analysts here saw the new project as part of Israel's ongoing strategy to "Judaize" the Arab eastern sector of the city and block its eventual return to Arab control under a final peace settlement.

Reports on Israel's plans to develop the central part of the old demilitarized zone came amid growing international confusion over the Carter administration's position on

Jerusalem.

In apologizing for the "mistaken" U.S. vote in the U.N. security Council last week condemning Israel's settlements policy, President Jimmy Carter said he approved the vote "with the understanding that all references to Jerusalem would be deleted."

Carter did not explain why the U.S. opposed the inclusion of Jerusalem as an "occupied territory", other than to say that the United States believed the Holy City should remain "undivided", with free access to religious shrines, and that the city's status should be determined in later negotiations.

After the signing of the Camp David accords in 1978, senior administration officials told reporters the U.S. considered east Jerusalem to be part of the West Bank.

The Camp David agreements themselves made no reference to Jerusalem.

Since that time, the U.S. has been intentionally vague about the status of the holy city.

However, the United States is on record as opposing Israel's settlements policy in East Jerusalem.

In 1969, during the Nixon administration, the U.S. voted in favor of a unanimous Security Council resolution condemning Israel for its attempts to alter the status of Jerusalem — including "expropriation of land and properties thereon" — and "urgently" calling on the Zionist state to rescind such measures "forthwith."

The 1969 resolution — number 267 — is essentially the same with regard to Jerusalem as the one passed by the Security Council last weekend — number 465.

The Carter administration has offered no explanation as to why it disagreed with the Jerusalem clauses in the latest resolution.

However, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs Friday put down to electioneering President Carter's backtracking on a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for the dismantlement of Jewish settlements.

Dr. Boutros Ghali told a press conference the significance of a statement that the U.S. had erred in supporting the resolution last Saturday had been exaggerated.

The main thing was that the security council adopted the resolution unanimously, he said.

Ghali suggested that political considerations may have influenced Carter in the presidential election year in which he is running for a second term.

He told reporters that if they considered that "now we have the election year (then) you can have an explanation about this (Carter's statement)."

Asked whether there was flexibility by Israel at the autonomy negotiations, Ghali replied, "If there is no flexibility, there will be no negotiations. We hope Israel will be more flexible, so that the target date of May 26 will not become a deadline."

Ghali said if no progress was achieved in the autonomy negotiations by May 26, Egypt would have to look for other alternatives.

The minister declined to say what alternatives Egypt would use and said talking about alternatives now while the negotiations were going on would be counter-productive.

The next round of autonomy talks, on chief of delegates level, is due to be held by the end of this month.

U.S. support for the Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlement policy triggered warning lights in Israel Thursday that the United States was adopting a tough line on the Palestine issue.

In a Parliament debate, Prime Minister Menachem Begin brushed aside Carter's plea that the U.S. vote for the resolution was an error. Washington clearly supported parts of the resolution which he said "expressed total hostility to the state of Israel."

Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin warned that the United States was moving toward a policy supporting Palestinian independence in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan and in part of Jerusalem following a transition period of Palestinian autonomy.

After a five-hour debate, the Knesset approved a government-sponsored resolution rejecting the Security Council action by a vote of 52-37 with two abstentions.

Industrial zones
to get SR2 billion

RIYADH, March 7 (SPA) — The Industrial Development Fund will give loans for the establishment of industries in small towns even if they are self-sufficient in big cities, the Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi said.

In addition, he announced that during the third Five-Year Plan a SR2,000 million will be spent on the formation of industrial zones. Expansion will be established in Khamis Mushait and Medina, as well as Al Khobar and Dammam. Presently industrial zones exist in Riyadh, Jeddah and the Eastern Province.

The conditions for establishing these zones will be easy in order to encourage citizens into business. Dr. Alghosabi said this is in compliance with the ministry's plans.

He said the industrial projects will open in remote areas, some of which are the fruit factory in Baha and the sugar processing factory in the South, where a sugar cane study is underway.

The government gives priority to the local products as it has already done in the basic aluminum and water factories, he added.

Khaled leaves hospital

RIYADH, March 7 (SPA) — King Khaled left the hospital Friday after being admitted for medical tests on Feb. 18. A statement published Friday night said the King was released since the doctors treating him agreed all tests were satisfactory.

Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, Deputy Defense Minister Prince Badr bin Abdul Aziz and Riyadh Governor Prince Salman accompanied the King from the hospital.

Meanwhile, a large number of princes, ministers and citizens converged on the Royal Palace to convey their congratulations.

The King originally entered the hospital for a period of rest after an exhausting work schedule. During his stay, the King continued to see well-wishers, however a visit by the French Premier Raymond Barre to Saudi Arabia to see the King was postponed as a result of the hospitalization.

The King said Thursday "I am leaving the hospital soon." He added that "My illness was not severe, and I am, as you can



King Khaled

see, in very good health."

The King plans to meet French President Giscard d'Estaing, when he arrives for a visit to the Kingdom after leaving Jordan.

On Thursday, King Khaled cabled his congratulations to Ghana's President Dr. Hilla Limann on his country's independence day.

Egyptians rally against
normalization with Israel

CAIRO, March 7 (R) — Egyptian Muslim fundamentalists Friday publicly voiced their opposition to the normalization of Egyptian-Israeli relations and described the Jews as "enemies of God and His Prophet Muhammad."

Several hundred men attended a rally staged by Islamic groups at Cairo's Grand Mosque of Al Azhar after Friday prayers. They shouted anti-Jewish slogans and urged Muslims throughout the world to liberate al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

They said the mosque, in Arab east

Britain, W. Germany anger Israel

TEL AVIV, March 7 (R) — Israel Friday officially protested to Britain and West Germany over their support for Palestinian self-determination, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

The German ambassador and the British embassy's charge d'affaires were called to the

Jerusalem had been "captured by the enemies of Allah."

Uniformed and plain clothes police stood outside the mosque in Cairo's Khan El-Halil Bazaar district but took no action.

Referring to the normalizing of relations between Egypt and Israel, a pamphlet distributed by the organizers of the rally said "the Jews have now entered Egypt to implement their plans and realize their dream of establishing the greater Israel from the Nile to the Euphrates."

Over 100 killed

foreign ministry where the Israeli protest was lodged.

The protest concerned a West German and British announcement earlier this week supporting French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's call for Palestinian self-determination, made while he was in Bahrain.

Soviets suffer heavy losses in offensive

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) — Over 100 Soviet soldiers were killed in the capture of one town in eastern Afghanistan from anti-Marxist fighters according to intelligence sources here.

The American sources said the Russians "paid a price" for taking Asmar, a town near the Pakistan border. There was no information on the number of Russian wounded. Tribesmen also "took a beating," the intelligence sources said.

About three battalions of Soviet troops took part in an apparently successful drive to gain control of roads and towns in the Konar valley, described as a rebel stronghold.

Some analysts regard the Konar valley sweep as the forerunner of a major Soviet spring offensive. They report the Russians are gathering supplies in preparation for a big campaign.

Other intelligence officials believe the offensive already has begun with the Konar

valley operation, and they predict the present estimated 80,000 Russian troops in Afghanistan will be reinforced to as many as 150,000.

U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown told the Council of Foreign Relations in New York that the Russians can prevail in Afghanistan, but only at a steep cost. He implied they had miscalculated "the active resistance of nationalistic peoples to outside domination."

According to current U.S. estimates, the Russians have suffered between 4,000 and 5,000 casualties, including 700 to 900 dead, since invading Afghanistan in late December. Most of the casualties are believed to have resulted from sniping and other hit-and-run attacks.

Intelligence officials provided no estimates of losses sustained by the Afghan government army, which is backed by Russian troops. The Afghan army is said to be down to fewer than 40,000 men because of deser-

tions and defections since Russian forces entered the country. Before the invasion, the Afghan army totaled about 100,000.

Although Brown said the Russians can prevail, intelligence specialists doubt that the Soviets will succeed in stamping out resistance entirely.

If the full offensive comes, the Muslims are considered likely to fade into the mountains and resume their attacks later. Perhaps their most deadly enemies are Soviet helicopter gunships that can hover over the hills and strike at small bands of tribesmen.

Meanwhile the U.S. State Department reported Thursday that Russian forces are showing signs of digging in for the long haul.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the Russians have installed a command structure in Afghanistan. He also told newsmen the Soviets are digging wells, laying cables and preparing to build barracks and military clubs.

A MUSLIM SPEAKS: An Egyptian Muslim speaks in front of microphones inside Al Azhar Mosque Friday. The speaker was denouncing the normalization of relations with Israel.

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Industrial ventures increasing

By Alan Kennedy

JEDDAH, March 7 — Joint ventures in business and industrial projects are increasing in Saudi Arabia, one government spokesman said.

Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Alghosaihi, told *Arab News*, "We (the ministry) have licensed more joint ventures in the last three years than in the last 15 years before that." However, Alghosaihi on Wednesday said joint ventures serve the mutual needs of both the Saudi investor with his capital and the foreign partner with his technology and skills.

"This marriage proves very successful," he added. Alghosaihi was in Jeddah to review local businesses and to deliver a speech at the King Abdul Aziz University. Two of the businesses he visited are a good example of joint ventures within Saudi Arabia, he said. The Saudi Cable Company and the Arabian Dry Cells Company are young companies that can survive and flourish.

The Arabian Dry Cells Company is worth SR37 million and will produce 60 million batteries a year. In addition plans are being made to export the product. Already the company has a market in Medina and Mecca. The company's controlling board consists of Saudi stockholders, with Prince Nawaf ibn Abdul Aziz as its chairman. The company produces ordinary dry cells for transistorized equipment, and heavy-duty batteries with medium and high voltage.

The technology for Arabian Dry Cells Company is provided by Finland. Under its 15-year contract, Airam Oy guaranteed to supply technical expertise. In addition the Finnish company will design a specific program.

Ministers arrive for conference

JEDDAH, March 7 (SPA) — The ministers of pilgrimage and Islamic affairs of North Yemen, Pakistan, Mauritania, Bangladesh, Oman and Somalia arrived here Friday to take part in a conference opening in Mecca Saturday.

They were met at the airport by Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, his deputy Abdullah Bou Qais and other senior officials.

Saudi Comment

By Hussein Ali Hussein
Al Medina

The present book exhibition at Riyadh University, in which scores of Arab and foreign publishing houses are displaying their latest publications, is a commendable step taken by a selected group of the country's officials.

These university men have rendered such an outstanding service to replace ignorance by knowledge that, but for them, it would have been difficult to achieve this objective. For a long time we have been complaining of libraries having nothing but copybooks, pens and other stationery. Libraries ignored books because selling them is difficult they do not fetch as much profit as stationery does.

The position is different today. The latest publications in different fields of knowledge are to be found in many libraries. The old concept of a lack of response from book-lovers has now evaporated.

The book exhibition, I believe, is a cultural manifestation for which the university's Faculty of Libraries Affairs deserves our gratitude. I don't think we have anything to complain about, except that the 10-day exhibition has been marked only two days for women. I fail to understand why this one-fifth division of the days of exhibition has been made at a time when knowledge and culture have eliminated all the intellectual differences between man and woman.

The pursuit of knowledge is the equal right of every individual and, therefore, I hope the officials will see to it that an amendment is made to the allocation of days for women.



CABLE CONFERENCE: Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Alghosaihi (right) listens as Khaled Alireza, chairman of Saudi Cable Company (left), explains the workings of the factory. The machine in the foreground is twisting cable together to meet the needs of a special order.

ram to train Saudi men in the trade. Muhammad Awad, the company's general manager, said the firm plans to get indigents from vocational training centers, and with the cooperation of the Ministry of Labor and Social Programs to have On-the-Job-Training programs for Saudis by granting Saudi manpower local scholarships.

Prince Nawaf, chairman of the board, has emphasized that the company has a strong "national obligation." "Our country has given us many things. It is therefore our duty to contribute to the creation of a strong economic base." In addition, he said this is in tune with the state's plan to develop a high industrial base that should provide an alternative to the depletion of oil and should, at the same time, offer an open opportunity for citizens to prove their capability.

The factor of capability is regarded as an important exponent by the Saudi Cable Company, the Kingdom's sole producer of electric cable. "To us a contract is business. More importantly it is trust in a government body, who trusts the local business," one official said. And if trust is measured in business contracts, then Saudi Cable has gained immense proportions of it. By the end of 1979 Saudi Cable had already received more than SR 150 million worth of business. Its latest contract is an award for a SR 58 million contract for supply of materials to be used in the electrification of Qasim.

Saudi Cable began production in July 1978 as a joint venture between the Wire and Cable Division of Anaconda (20 per cent), SoCal (20 per cent) Prince Badr ibn Abdul Mohsin ibn Abdul Aziz (25 per cent). The remainder is owned by Sheikh Abdul Karim Bakr Ahmed and Sheikh Mansoor bin Rahd Al-Ghishayyan.

Saudi Cable sees its advantages as a local company able to supply a product that meets Saudi problems. "When we first came into the market, we saw cables all over the world. Different people do different things as a result of the unique problems of their country. So we saw what we must do for the long term benefit of Saudi Arabia," said Khaled Alireza, chairman of Saudi Cable.

On thing the company has done, is to make beat resistant coating for their wires. This

means that there can be more current put through the cable without burning — making it more cost effective, according to Alireza. "Then we saw in Saudi Arabia that there was plenty of sun — ordinary cables wouldn't last more than three to four years." The company then found a way to increase the carbon black in their plastic coating to absorb the sun's ultra-violet rays.

In addition, sheeting materials are geared to the Saudi Arabian environment. As a result cable manufacturers around the world don't have to gear specifications to this country. The local purchaser would have it ready for him, the chairman said. However, the biggest battle, according to Alireza, is not producing a quality product suited for geographical needs, but in persuading the buyer that the product will be more cost effective than a product not suited for the country's extremes.

"There are so many products, that marketing is the problem. However, the market position has to be earned. This is a situation where, as you grow you gain a technical respectability in the market place."

Already, Saudi Cable is contemplating expansion. For the business, the major costs are in raw materials, but with the advent of mineral exploration and tentative plans for raw material production within the Kingdom, the company is positive about its growth, Alireza said.

Saudi-Yemeni relations are good, Makki says

SANAA, March 7 (SPA) — North Yemen's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Hassan Makki has said that Saudi-Yemeni relations are "good" and based on good-neighboredness.

He reaffirmed that the two countries worked together to consolidate these relations by all possible means in different fields.

In an interview published in the Yemeni newspaper "13 June" Friday, Makki condemned malicious campaigns launched to jeopardize bilateral relations. He said these elements strove to wreck progress the two countries have achieved for their peoples.

Makki said bilateral cooperation would not only help to maintain stability in Yemen but also in the whole region in the best interest of the Arab and Islamic peoples.

On the Palestine issue, the Yemeni minister said the only alternative to the Camp David Conference was to recognize and grant Palestinian rights. He reaffirmed that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was the sole representative of the Palestinian people, and added that the Palestinians are capable of insuring their unity and strength through the PLO.



Hassan Makki

In a reference to world developments, Makki urged the leaders of the world to confront the present deterioration in the international politics. He hoped that technological advancement would be used for the present and future welfare of mankind as a whole.

Four states to join IDB

JEDDAH, March 7 (SPA) — Four states are expected to join the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank bringing the organization's membership to a total of 40.

The new memberships are scheduled to be discussed at the fourth annual session of IDB's Board of Governors. The meeting also will review the bank's performance, transactions and financial operations during the past year and define outlines of the bank's policies.

In addition to the Bank's 36 member states, the meeting will be attended by observers of other international, regional and national organizations.

The IDB was formally opened in 1975 in response to a resolution of the Islamic foreign ministers conference in 1973. So far it has given member states 700 Islamic Dinars to boost development and finance foreign trade operations.

Saudi Arabia is the IDB's major contributor with a share of 200 million Islamic Dinars. An Islamic Dinar equals one SDR (about \$130). The bank has a capital of 102 billion divided into 200,000 shares.

SAPTCO buses increased on crowded Dammam lines

DAMMAM, March 7 (SPA) — The Saudi Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) has increased the frequency of buses on crowded lines here.

The company's regional controller Abed Assil, said Thursday that beginning last Saturday buses on lines 64 and 65 will run every 20 minutes instead of every half-hour.

He added that line 64 will start at Street

No. 11 then go to Ibn Khaldoun Street, then Dammam/Khobar dual-carriage road then to Airport Road and back. Line 65 will go south of Dammam/Khobar dual carriage road from Airport Road to Al-Khobar then go to King Abdul Aziz Street, then to Al-Azzia street, then Dhahran street and turn left to Prince Turki street then head for Saylawj Marketing Center and back. The ticket price on both lines is SR1.

Jerusalem tops agenda of Islamic conference

MECCA, March 7 (SPA) — The second conference of Ministers of Endowments and Islamic affairs will open here Saturday. The issue of Jerusalem tops the four-day agenda.

The ministers will review a report on the pursuance commission of the first conference prepared by the General Secretariat of the Muslim World League. An agenda for applying scientific methods by Islamic Sharia prepared by the Jordanian minister of Endowments for establishing joint Islamic and scientific institutions will also be discussed.

The first conference, also held in the Kingdom, was attended by 41 ministers from the Islamic world.

The Minister of pilgrimage and endowments, Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, will open the second conference on behalf of King Khaled. Ministers of Bahrain, Qatar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Syria, Kuwait, Jordan, Sudan, Tunisia, Libya, Mauritania and the Mufti of the Sultanate of Oman arrived Thursday in Jeddah. Delegates of Iraq, Bangladesh, North Yemen, Pakistan and Guinea arrived in Jeddah Friday.

They were received at the airport by Sheikh Abdul Wahab and Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al Saqa, assistant general secretary of the Muslim World League.

Institute to honor 56 graduates

HASA, March 7 (SPA) — The Technical Assistants Institute will honor 56 graduates in May with degrees in land survey, architectural design, construction and health control. The institute's secretary Abdul Aziz Al Ghanem said that 120 students will be admitted in the forthcoming academic year; all with two-year intermediate degrees.

He added that the students receive practical training at the area's municipalities during the three-month summer vacation and receive monthly allowances of SR675 and accommodations for students from other areas.

Construction of student dormitories will begin after a site is chosen, he said.

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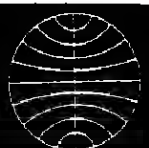
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Hilal beats Ittifaq

Nasr defeats Ittihad, 2-1

By Munir Muhammad

JEDDAH, March 7 — Nasr defeated Ittihad 2-1 in Riyadh Friday in a mild match during which both teams lost many opportunities to score.

Nasr's first goal came in the 7th minute after a mistake by the defense of Ittihad. Two players collided and Abdullah Abdul Rabu, Nasr's attacker, pulled the ball to the left and shot it into the net.

In the 27th minute, Ali Ashoush of Ittihad sent a powerful shot in Nasr's goal which left the crowd in confusion. The referee blew the whistle and was pointing to the center. The kick was so powerful that it hit into the net and drifted back to be sent outside by the defenders of Nasr.

However, Nasr scored again through Linn five minutes before the end of the first half.

In the second half both teams lost sure scores. Ittihad lost a proven chance when Ghurab kicked that ball over the poles. He was alone with Mabrour Al-Furki, Nasr's keeper, inside the 18 meter line.

Mabrour was the star of the second half when he saved a penalty. It was caused by

Salman to open seminar today

RIYADH, March 7 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman opens a seminar here today on the missionary work of Sheikh Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahhab and its cultural impact on the country.

The outstanding personalities who will take part in the seminar include Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, director general of the Departments of Scholarly Research, Fatwa, Propagation and Religious Guidance; Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, vice-chancellor of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University.

The governor also will open an exhibition of books organized to mark the occasion. The books deal with the era and religious call of Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab.

The seminar will be attended by 80 scholars from the Kingdom and nearly 60 participants from different parts of the Islamic world.

French official visits

RIYADH, March 7 (SPA) — A senior French official, Jerome Monot, the head of France's cooperation and reform agency will arrive here next Saturday on a three-day visit. He will confer with officials from the Ministry of Public Works and a Housing and number of dignitaries.

Kayyal visits satellite office in Deirab

RIYADH, March 7 (SPA) — Minister of Post, Telegraph and Telephones Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal's visit to the satellite station in Deirab near the capital last week has provided outstanding testimony to his ministry's deep concern for the progress of these stations.

The satellite station which went into operation last month, is one of the largest in the world. It is equipped with the latest technology available in the field of space communications.

Implementation of the new station was carried out by a local company in record time, while the Ministry of P.T.T. trained a number of native technicians and engineers who are now manning the station.

There are two other satellite stations in the Kingdom. One is located in Taif to insure contacts with Europe and America through microwaves and a coaxial cable. The other station is situated in Al-Baha which caters to the television and telecommunications requirements of the region.

BRIEFS

DACCA, March 7 (R) — Civil Aviation Minister Kazi Anwarul Huq has told parliament the Bangladesh government was holding talks with a Saudi Arabian businessman about forming a commercial civil aviation company. Replying in opposition member, the minister said Bangladesh had entered a "promoters agreement" with Prince Abdullah Bin Jalawi to form "Air Bangladesh Company Limited. He promised details after an agreement was signed.

JEDDAH, March 7 (SPA) — Delegations from Chinese and American universities visiting Saudi Arabia inspected King Abdul Aziz University Thursday. The two delegations visited the central library, the University Hospital, the computer center and the administrative and technical compounds. They were received by the rector Dr. Abdullah Nassif and other officials.

MECCA, March 7 (SPA) — The Higher World Council of Mosques continued its meetings here Thursday under the chairmanship of Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz. It has reviewed proposed decisions presented by branch committees. They discussed the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and difficulties facing preachers of Islam.

JEDDAH, March 7 (SPA) — The Mayors of Fez, Tangiers, Marrakesh and Rabat arrived here Friday to perform the Umrah (minor pilgrimage). They were received at the airport by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Faresi.

Al-Janoubi who touched the ball with his hand giving Ittihad their awaited chance for trying the score. A shaky Backuer kicked the penalty in the right of Mabrour. He blocked the ball and threw himself again to clear it out of the 18 meter line.

His well timed exits to engulf dangerous attacks preserved Nasr's superiority to the end of the match. Majed shattered a score in the 28th minute when he passed through two defenders and Ahmad Al-Shihri, Ittihad's goalkeeper. He tried to take on more of the defenders. Shihri returned to his goal and threw himself to the ground and blocked the ball.

With Friday's triumph, Nasr stands in second place, one point below Hilal. At the same time, Ittihad drifted back to fourth place. The defeat gives Ahli green light for third place. They are to play against Ohod Friday night in Jeddah.

Hilal played hard Thursday to win against Ittifaq who fought a steadfast game. It was beaten 2-1 in Dammam, its home city. In spite of the defeat, Ittifaq displayed a good performance. At times they seemed to achieve a tie.

The brothers, Issa Khalifah and Saleh Khalifah, were the dominators of the team. Hilal scored its first goal through Najib Al-Imam in the 16th minute. The second score came from a corner kicked by Rivelino and netted by a defender of Ittifaq who tried to send it away but reversed it to his own goal.

Ittifaq's score was a mistake of Ibrahim Al-Yusef, Hilal's keeper, who misjudged and left his goal. But the ball was sent to the goal by Sultan Al-Muhana who did not notice that Al-Yusef was coming behind him to take the ball.

In Beisha

Killer beheaded

BEISHA, March 7 (SPA) — A convicted criminal was beheaded here Friday after dawn prayers for killing a relative.

A statement by the Ministry of Interior said that Muhammad ibn Nemes ibn Zafar Al-Harethi was beheaded Friday after noon prayers for the killing of Fahhad ibn Nemes ibn Musalli Al-Harethi.

A misunderstanding arose between the two men and was followed by a scuffle. Muhammad hit the victim with a stick he was carrying and knocked him down. He kept stoning his head until he died.

The statement said the government intended to implement the new Law of God, track down criminals and eradicate crime in Saudi Arabia. It added that the government will severely punish anyone jeopardizing public security.

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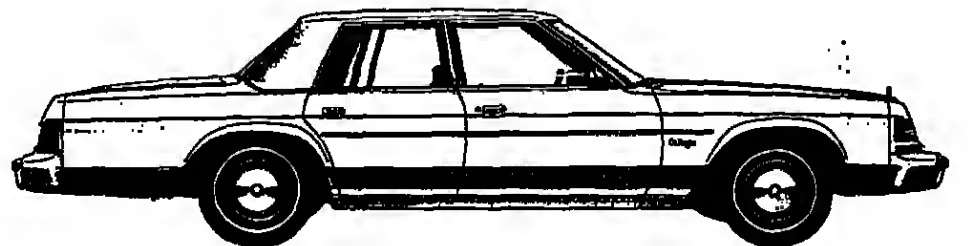
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Sarkis unveils national unity plan

BEIRUT, March 7 (R) — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis has presented a plan for national unity in Lebanon, a country shattered by five years of violence and civil war.

The plan was based on a declaration issued Wednesday night after a cabinet meeting which asserted the need for the state to impose its authority on all parts of the country and described the rightist controlled border enclave in the south as under Israeli occupation.

The declaration backed the campaign for a Palestinian homeland and rejected the permanent settlement of Palestinians on Lebanese soil.

It followed government discussions with various political groupings in Lebanon after an announcement by Syria that it was withdrawing its peace-keeping troops from Beirut.

This had aroused fears of renewed factional hostilities between the rival militias which fought each other in the 1975-76 civil war.

In his speech over state television and radio, Sarkis said the government categorically rejected "the existence of statelets in it (Lebanon) and at its expense. We also reject the continuation of the present divisions under which we live."

"The scene must be cleared of all the entities that grow at the expense of the homeland and should be replaced by the state with its legal resources alone, without the presence of armed groups — Lebanese or non-Lebanese," Sarkis said.

Sarkis also indicated the government's commitment to a 1969 agreement which allows the Palestinian commandos to use part of southern Lebanon as a base for operations against Israel.

The cabinet declaration said the state's authority should be reestablished up to the internationally-recognized border and called for the ending of all challenges to its rule.

It also emphasized the Arab character of Lebanon and its commitment to opposing Israel.

Ties with Syria were based on mutual respect and close cooperation, the statement added.

The declaration came after several weeks of heightened tension in Lebanon including bitter fighting in the north between rightist Phalangist Party militia and Syrian troops backing supporters of former President Suleiman Frangieh.

Right-wing calls for the Lebanese army to



President Sarkis

replace Syrian peace-keeping troops when they are withdrawn from the capital have been met with outright rejection by left-wing groups which regard the army as sectarian and under rightist influence.

Prime Minister Salim Hoss said the cabinet declaration was "a blessed hour".

"We must all now turn to working out or taking the necessary steps to translate these principles by putting them into practice," he told reporters.

Arab labor ministers meet in Iraq

BAGHDAD, March 7 (R) — Arab ministers of labor and social affairs began a 10-day conference here Thursday to discuss social security, migration of Arab workers and the brain drain, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Iraqi Minister Babakr Mahmoud Rassoul, who was elected chairman, said the meeting was significant because it was being held for the first time in Baghdad, seat of the Arab Labor Organization (ALO).

The previous conference — the seventh — was held in Khartoum last year.

The president of the ALO Board, Ali Al-Firas, praised Iraq's aid to the organization and said it had helped to speed up the implementation of programs for developing services to the Arab working class.

Police official murdered in Turkey

ANKARA, March 7 (AP) — A group of terrorists killed a police official in the south-eastern town of Silvan Thursday, officials reported.

Isa Parlak, governor of Silvan, said a team of policemen surrounded a house in the town after receiving a tip that three fugitive terrorists, sought on murder charges, were hiding there.

The terrorists, he said, responded with machine-gun fire to a police call for surren-

W. Germany, U.S. disagree on Turkey aid

WASHINGTON, March 7 (R) — U.S. and West German officials failed to reach agreement on a new financial aid package for Turkey during a joint Washington visit by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer, diplomatic sources have said.

The sources said Thursday hope remained that a package of \$1 billion or more could be assembled by March 27, when the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is due to meet in Paris for a "pledging session" on Turkey.

The Germans, who are leading the effort to raise the aid for Turkey from about 20 countries left here insisting that their goal could be reached only if Bonn and Washington contributed more to this year's package than to last year's.

Officials said Bonn's aim was to assemble about \$1.2 billion in aid, with the U.S. and West Germany putting up about \$300 million each. Last year each country contributed about \$200 million.

The Germans argue that without increased commitments from Washington and Bonn — traditional leaders in efforts to assure an economically viable and militarily strong Turkey — other states could not be expected to increase their aid.

In his budget for the fiscal year beginning in October, President Jimmy Carter asked for \$200 million in economic aid for Turkey.

The sources said Treasury Secretary G. William Miller and other U.S. officials stressed to Matthöfer that the Carter administration was planning spending cuts.

In these circumstances, they said, it would be difficult to go to Congress with a request for more aid to Turkey.

But, according to the sources, U.S. officials were now underlining what they call the quality of aid, meaning the speed with which new money could be made available.

Meanwhile, the United Nations said Thursday that Turkey has joined a project to construct a 10,000-kilometer north-south motorway from the Baltic coast across Europe to the frontiers of the Middle East.

In the ensuing shoot-out, one policeman was fatally shot and a woman in the hideout was critically injured while the fugitive gunmen managed to escape, Parlak reported.

Security officials, both military and civilian, are increasingly under armed attack from leftist groups throughout Turkey.

Two militia soldiers were killed in Istanbul Wednesday by four terrorists during a bank holdup.

Kuwait, Luxembourg set up ties

Palestinian rights essential for Middle East peace

KUWAIT, March 7, (R) — Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands occupied in 1967 and recognition of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination were the two essential factors for a just and permanent peace in the Middle East, according to a joint statement by Kuwait and Luxembourg.

The statement was issued Wednesday night at the end of an official visit to Kuwait by the Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn.

The two sides stressed the importance of Arab-European dialogue as a positive sign of developing Arab-European relations and expressed their determination to

provide every opportunity for such a dialogue.

There was an identity of views on a number of international issues they discussed, the statement said.

The two countries have also announced the establishment of diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level.

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Jeddah's hidden Suq

By Staff Writer

JEDDAH — The suq is a vast, vaguely defined market place comprised of several sections each of a unique character. Over in the last fifteen years, the various sections have shifted as prosperity has plowed new ground. The result of the appearance of these new shops has been the displacement of the old to less choice areas.

The silver market, the area behind the women's building is a bustling trade center for electronics shops, jewelry and fabric, frequented by shoppers of every nationality. To the east, up the crowded main artery street, Bab Mecca lies Bab Mecca. The streets are lined with middle class families eager to purchase. The gold shops are well-decorated, air-conditioned, yet very small. It is common to see fifteen customers jammed into each shop, eagerly asking for each intriguing piece to be weighed, and its price computed.

Bab Mecca was once the center of the silver market in Jeddah. In the last ten years, the silver shops there have almost disappeared. Only four small shops, three of which are on the quiet western edges of the gold suq. Fortunately, the silver market has not disappeared from Jeddah altogether. One by one, silver craftsmen who have not switched to dealing in gold, have moved their businesses to Bab Shareef, the Yemeni suq. Here, the art of producing silver jewelry still thrives. Bab Shareef is different. Its relatively quiet streets are lined with one — story mud brick buildings interrupted occasionally by small one-story shops. No neon signs reach out to the potential customers who walk purposefully down its streets. Browsing is not common. Some of the most commonly sold goods include the Yemeni wide leather belts, tents, shas, household wares and silver. Tens of thousands of silver shops operate briskly here, as they have for decades. They are usually manned by one or two craftsmen who sit long hours in the shops acting as salesmen, buyers, and artisans. They fashion the jewelry as they are made.

Circular fans turn overhead in most shops, by one or two bare hanging lightbulbs. The men sit either on the floor, cushioned with mats and pillows, or on low stools, bent over their work, legs tucked under.

Friends pass by every few minutes. Some shout greetings as they pass on their way. Others stop by for a chat, shaking everyone's hand as they pass on their way. Others stop by for a chat, shaking everyone's hand as they enter, stepping over the pots and bowls and tools scattered on the floor. They sit among the workers who continue working while engaged in lively conversation.

Should a dealer enter a shop, wishing to trade or sell a piece, one of the artisans makes him welcome. Perhaps he will send a young boy down the dusty street to the nearest cafe to bring a pot of heavily sweetened tea on a silver tray with small clear glass demi-tasse cups. The transaction and bargaining is done quickly in hushed voices. Whether a trade or a sale is concluded, all parties usually leave on good terms, saluting each other politely.

The shop of Muhammad Ahmad Shayba of Bab Shareef specializes in fashioning belts (Alzimah) and the bib-like necklaces that resemble chain mail, (Shairiyaa). The walls of his shop are decorated with numerous samples of these pieces. He has operated the shop for over ten years, dealing in these two items. He is relatively prosperous, with this wood paneling and modern tools.

"The bedouin order these belts most frequently," explained Mr. Shayba's young assistant who is originally from Pakistan. "We produce the belts in both silver and gold, but more people request silver."

Mr. Shayba sat cross-legged on the floor of his shop, carefully forming the beads (Dummaq) that will decorate the bottom edge of the belts. He completed fashioning the beads by soldering silver loops to each one with a blow torch.

The production of new silver pieces is lively in Bab Shareef. In addition to new jewelry, many shops have small, moderately priced selections of second hand jewelry. These pieces are frequently left intact in their original arrangements.

In contrast to the liveliness of Bab Shareef, the silver suq in Bab Mecca has all but disappeared. The lofty lattice windowed buildings of the Turkish quarter no longer loom over a busy suq once bursting with the tinkering sounds of the silver craftsmen. Those sounds have been replaced by the voices of hundreds of customers passing from shop to shop ask-

ing prices of gold jewelry. The other sound that predominates in the area is the sound of the airconditioners in the gold shops. At night the surrounding buildings seem to glitter with a yellow glow from that small crowded street.

Those who shop in the gold suq are predominantly middle class Saudi families who now have ample wealth to invest in large amounts of gold jewelry. Armfuls of 21 carat bracelets are seen there on lady customers as they try on more bracelets to add to their collections.

The customers buy furiously. The suq only rests at prayer time, when every merchant closes his shop for a few minutes. Once the doors are open again, the customers flow in, in droves.

Amid the booming glittered gold market lie the remnants of the once exclusively silver suq. Three shops, dimly lit by bluish fluorescent light, huddle together on the dark western edge of the gold market. One other silver shop sits right in the middle of the gold shops — the last surviving representative of the now displaced craft.

These silver shops are run by old, modest merchants who wear the costume of the Yemen and the Hadramaut. The merchants sit huddled in conversation with an equally ancient crony or two. Their customers are frequent, but few in comparison with the gold market up the street.

These shops display more second hand jewelry than their counterparts in Bab Shareef. They buy their new jewelry from Bab Shareef. One silver shop in Bab Mecca is relatively prosperous — that of Mr. Ibrahim Ba Dawood.

"It is predominantly foreigners who like these old pieces," Mr. Ba Dawood says. "I sell the new jewelry (again belts and necklaces) to rural people. My business is prosperous."

When asked if his children would follow his example by dealing in silver, he seemed quite certain they would. Yet his sons are still too young to take part in the business. Mr. Ba Dawood is the only merchant considering remaining in Bab Mecca for silver trade. The others are not optimistic about the market in that area.

At another silver shop in Bab Mecca, two old men mused that their shop will be closed when the owner retires. The owner slowly stood up from his seat and pointed out the street toward the bustling gold market. "My son prospers in his gold shop. I am an old man. I cannot change over to dealing in gold. Besides, I have worked in silver all my life. I learned this art from my father. For thirty years I have run this shop."

One silver shop in Bab Mecca is now entirely surrounded by gold dealers. Abdullah Muhammad al-Qimari has been in that shop for thirty five years. "Business used to be very good. Now, look around. People want to buy gold. They have more money now. We will switch over to gold next year. Inshallah. We will have airconditioning and a decor similar to these other shops."

His grandson speaks up: "Gold jewelry is easier to produce, since one uses machines. Silver is made by hand. It's very slow and tiring to make silver jewelry." Three men interrupt his thought as they enter the store. One of them kneels down to speak with Mr. al-Qimari, who is seated on a low stool. He unfolds a brown cloth in his arms, to reveal two beautiful newly fashioned silver ankle bracelets. Mr. al-Qimari bargains carefully for them. Both he and the seller seem pleased with the final price. Mr. al-Qimari then sets them carefully in his display case.

Despite the disappearance of the silver trade from Bab Mecca, a silver market continues to thrive in Jeddah, at Bab Shareef. The survival of the market depends on the continued demand for silver. Those who will insure the survival of the craft are those rural folk and others of moderate means who cannot afford gold, foreign pilgrims who trade or buy silver, and other predominantly western visitors who seek out traditional jewelry antiques.

Mr. Ba Dawood explains his personal optimism about the future demand for silver in Jeddah:

"During the Hajj, the entire suq does its best business. Cloth, spices, gold, silver, all sell quickly. Many pilgrims bring fine traditional silver jewelry pieces from home to sell. Others buy our silver goods as the silver markets in their home countries are prosperous, too. I will continue to deal in silver because it will always be in demand."

Erratum

On this page, Feb. 28-29, Arab News incorrectly described Prince Faisal Sudairi, of Arab Enterprises, as the owner of a 10,000 hectare farm in Qasim. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.



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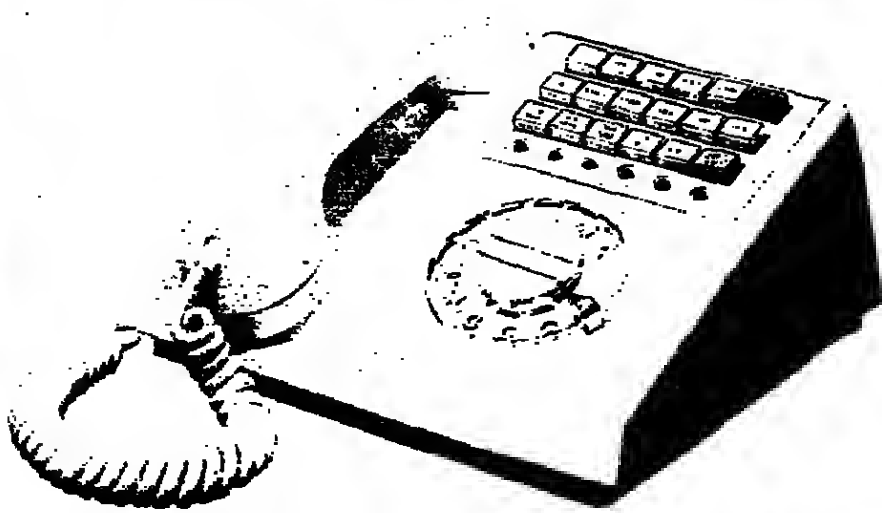
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The Sharett Diaries: Israel's secret war exposed (1)

By Michael Adams

Since Menahem Begin came to power in May 1977, Israel's international position has deteriorated sharply. Today a growing number of Israelis are uneasily aware that it is Israel rather than the Arabs whom the outside world blames for the failure to reach a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. They are disconcerted by the realization that they can no longer count on automatic Western (and not necessarily even on American) support for the policy which has served Israel so well in the past: the policy of provoking Arab hostility and then taking advantage of it to carry out a carefully prepared plan for territorial expansion.

For those who still doubt that this has been the consistent policy of successive Israeli governments ever since the establishment of the state, an impressive body of evidence is just coming to light. *The Diaries of Moshe Sharett* who was Israel's first foreign minister under David Ben Gurion and then briefly (1954-55) prime minister, have recently been published — after unsuccessful attempts by the Israeli establishment to suppress or at least censor them — in Hebrew. A first translation into English has now been made, though not yet published.

This translation, by the Italian writer and journalist Livia Rokach, of which substantial extracts are shortly to be published by the Association of Arab American University Graduates in the United States, makes clear much that has until now been shrouded in deliberate obscurity.

Moshe Sharett was in charge of the Zionist movement's external relations for a total of 23 years, first as head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency from 1933 to the establishment of the Israeli state in 1948 and then as foreign minister from 1948 until shortly before the Suez crisis in 1956. His diaries show that, while he shared the general aims of the Zionist movement under the leadership of David Ben Gurion, including its territorial aims, he differed from Ben Gurion over the methods by which to achieve them. Relatively speaking, Sharett was a dove by comparison with Ben Gurion, the Supreme Hawk whose "activist" policies dominated the early years of the state and were carried into execution by such devoted acolytes as Moshe Dayan and Ariel Sharon (the present minister of agriculture and leading advocate of intensive Jewish settlement on the occupied West Bank).

This much has long been known to the Israeli public and to students of Israeli affairs abroad. What could not be established until the publication of the Sharett diaries was the precise nature of the conflict that went on within the Israeli cabinet, and sometimes between it and the defense and security establishment, over the best means of completing the partial victory won over the Arabs in 1948. What the diaries record is the rearguard action —

the ultimately unsuccessful rearguard action — fought by Sharett during the 1950s against Ben Gurion's policy of unceasing but hidden aggression against all of Israel's Arab neighbors. In this respect the Sharett diaries can be compared in their nature and potential effect to the Pentagon Papers, whose publication revealed the fraudulent and unconstitutional methods adopted by the government of the United States in its pursuit of the war in Vietnam.

In the same way the Sharett diaries document, in the form of a day-to-day record compiled for the writer's own eyes alone, without thought of publication, the violent strategies by which Ben Gurion and his associates sought at once to destabilize the Arab countries on Israel's borders and at the same time to pose to the outside world as the unoffending victim of Arab intransigence.

The deception was a vital part of the strategy. The Zionist lobby in the United States was not yet fully organized and its control over American opinion and policy-making was still insecure. Ben Gurion was acutely aware of Israel's dependence on Western support and of the need to hide from Western eyes the brutal and illegal methods by which he proposed to complete the destruction of Israel's enemies and gain control of what was left of Arab Palestine after the 1948 war.

Sharett began to keep his diary on Oct. 9, 1953, just after Ben Gurion had announced his intention to resign and retire to his kibbutz in the Negev, leaving Sharett to succeed him. What Sharett only realized later was that the "retirement" (like his own succession) was part of an elaborate charade, whose primary aim was to mislead Western opinion. Ben Gurion was known as a hawk. Sharett as a dove, so that when one was succeeded by the other the inference would be drawn in Washington and London and at the United Nations that Israel was turning its back on violence and looking to Sharett, the dovish diplomat, to resolve its remaining problems and reach a sensible accommodation with the Arabs. With foreign anxieties thus relaxed, it would be all the easier to pursue, clandestinely and without the knowledge even of the new prime minister, the strong-arm policies which — if they should be exposed — could always be explained away as a "spontaneous" and quite unauthorized response to Arab aggression.

Before leaving for the Negev, Ben Gurion made two appointments which disturbed Sharett. To succeed himself as minister of defense (which he had combined with the premiership) he chose Pinhas Lavon, a leading "activist"; and as army chief of staff, he nominated Moshe Dayan, the most devoted supporter of Ben Gurion and a man whom Sharett mistrusted, as his diary records, on account of his "endless capacity for plotting and intrigue". It was these two men who were behind the first major controversy in which Sharett now found himself involved.

In an incident on the Jordanian border early in October (1953) an Israeli woman and her two children had been killed. In response to the outcry in Israel, Ben Gurion had sanctioned, on the eve of his retirement, a large-scale reprisal attack. Sharett, who was not aware of the scale of the proposed action, opposed it in principle, pointing out that the Jordanian government had publicly condemned the border incident and promised to do everything in its power to prevent a recurrence. His diary for Oct. 14 records an exchange with Lavon, the new minister of defense.

"I told Lavon that his (attack) will be a grave mistake and recalled, citing various precedents, that these reprisal actions do not serve their declared purpose. Lavon smiled and stuck to his point of view. B.G., he said, didn't share my view."

Two days later, when he has heard the details of the attack (66 Arab villagers, men, women and children, were killed, their houses blown up over their heads while Israeli troops machinegunned the doors to prevent them escaping), Sharett is appalled. At a cabinet meeting attended by Ben Gurion (who has hurried back from the Negev) there is an angry debate, in which Sharett finds himself in a dilemma, anxious to condemn the atrocity but unable to bring himself to put the blame for it on the Israeli army.

"I condemned the Qibya affair which has exposed us in front of the whole world as a gang of blood-suckers who are capable of mass murder regardless of whether their actions may lead to war. I warned that this stain will stick to us and will not be washed away for years to come... B.G. insisted on excluding (from the official communiqué) any mention of the responsibility of the army; the civilians in the border area had taken matters into their own hands... I said that no one in the world will believe such a story and that I could only expose ourselves as liars as well. But I couldn't seriously demand that the communiqué should explicitly confirm the army's responsibility because this would have made it impossible to condemn the horrible bloodbath."

The Qibya raid was duly condemned by the U.N. Security Council; but the condemnation did nothing to deter Ben Gurion and the other "activists" from scheming behind Sharett's back to bring about a showdown with the Arabs. At another cabinet meeting on Oct. 19, 1953 (five days after the Qibya raid), with Ben Gurion again present, their designs became apparent to Sharett, who recorded in his diary for that day that:

"Ben Gurion spoke for two and a half hours on

the army's preparations for the "second round" (He presented detailed figures on the expansion of the military strength of the Arab countries which, said) would reach its peak in 1956..."

To Sharett the lesson to be drawn from this was that Israel should seek an accommodation with the Arabs while there was still time, that they should "... propose daring and concrete solutions for a refugee problem through the payment of compensation, improve our relations with the powers, seek for an understanding with Egypt."

But the activists were thinking in exactly contrary terms. Their aim was to make it psychologically impossible for Nasser or any other Arab leader to come to terms with Israel, and to prepare the way for the armed confrontation that came about two years later at the climax of the Suez crisis, October 1956. That this was the objective of Ben Gurion and Dayan emerged clearly from a furtive meeting of ministers of the ruling Labor Party Oct. 31, 1953 when, as Sharett recorded, Day brought out one plan after another, all for "direct action". At one point Sharett interrupted to ask: "... do you realize this would mean war with Egypt? He replied: of course."

Two weeks later the Israeli army mounted next major "retaliation" raid, this time against Gaza; where 39 Egyptians were slaughtered in surprise attack — and the last hope of a peace accommodation between Israel and Nasser's Egypt was buried with them.

The Gaza raid as all the best qualified observers have agreed (including the U.N.'s General Ban Hui Little, the Doyen of Western correspondents in Cairo and Kenneth Love of the *New York Times*, author of the exhaustive book *Suez*, the *Twice Fought War*, not to mention Nasser himself), was the turning-point. From then on, Israel was on a road to Suez, which was planned and represented the world as one more "defensive" reaction to an "aggression" by an Israel of whose peaceable character Moshe Sharett, the "moderate" prime minister was the deceptive — and in reality powerless — symbol.

But when he considered the time was ripe for it, Suez adventure, Ben Gurion brusquely rebuffed Sharett aside and once again assumed the command himself, with Dayan as his chosen instrument. Dayan was the perfect man for the job, being — like Ben Gurion himself — "bloody, bold and resolute" and untroubled by the slightest scruple.

(To be continued tomorrow)

Deng promises to retire by 1985

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON — China's Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping has announced that he intends to retire by 1985.

His statement in the English language *Bangkok Post* is an unprecedented example of a member of China's central leadership using the foreign press for a communication of this magnitude, say analysts at the British Broadcasting Corporation's monitoring service.

Leaders in Communist countries rarely retire. They either fall from power or plod into decrepitude.

Deng's main motive in making the announcement seems to lie in the question of leadership succession. He says "the prospects for the future depend in large part on how well we train our successors." He points out he is nearing 76, adding: "People of my age should really be concerned about arranging what comes after."

The significance of this remark will not be lost on Chinese anywhere in the world. It contains, as is so often the case in China since Mao's death, a veiled criticism of the late Chairman.

When he died, aged 82, Mao was virtually moribund, able to communicate only through "interpreters" who propped him up during increasingly embarrassing interviews with world leaders.

During those final years of the Cultural Revolution, the Gang of Four set their seal on all Chinese developments except in foreign affairs, which remained the province of the ailing Premier Chou En-lai. It was a 10-year period, Deng Xiaoping says, when "the Gang of Four tried to edge China off its true course," and "for our own reasons we isolated ourselves."

The vice-premier is determined that an aging leadership must not allow such a catastrophe to

recur. "We must find good and reliable successors so that once succession takes place new turn of events will not break out again."

Deng's statement expresses the realism about China which distinguishes most of his utterances since his rehabilitation three years ago. He is careful to lay most of China's weaknesses at its own door while outlining, too, what he sees as the nation's strong points. Before the Cultural Revolution Deng says, "the gap between China's economic level and that of the developed in the rest of the world was not that great."

Then the gap widened during a period of change so rapid outside China that acceleration "came to be counted in terms of days rather than years." Now the Gang's misrule is ended and China has broken out of its self-imposed isolation.

Deng lists four major reasons for hope: — Despite "stupid things of the past," China has laid a foundation for rapid modernization, based on the enormous achievements of the ancient and insists that China today, "where too many things are seen," can do as well again. — Finally, China "has adopted a policy of opening its doors to the world." This will include "foreign funding," although "public ownership will predominate." — (OFNS)

saudi press review

A variety of lead stories carried by weekend newspapers included a report on King Khalid's recovery and his leaving the Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan's praise of university students' enthusiasm for joining the army. In a lead story, *Okaz* quoted French President Giscard d'Estaing as having stressed the rights of the Palestinian people and keeping the Gulf region out of international disputes. *Al-Yom* led with Arab and Islamic denunciation of the American stance on the Jewish settlements on the occupied Arab territories.

The newspapers gave front-page treatment to Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani's denial of any clashes on the borders between the kingdom and North Yemen. They also frontpaged the sixth graduation of officers at King Abdul Aziz Military Academy under the auspices of Prince Sultan, the minister of

defense and aviation. The murder of Salim Al-Lawzi, editor of the London-based *Al-Binawadith* magazine, received front-page prominence in newspapers. *Okaz* said in a front-page story that Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini has approved a meeting between the International Probe Committee and the U.S. hostages in Tehran.

In their editorials, the newspapers praised French recognition of the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine. They also continued to write on America's backing away from its stance in the Security Council of condemning Israel for its settlements policies. They reiterated that the sudden U.S. attitude was the outcome of the Zionist pressure.

In an editorial, *Al-Jazirah* commended France's recognition of Palestinian rights and described it as a "historic event". It said that France has always taken the initiative in supporting just causes and

worked to achieve peace and stability in the world. The paper urged European states to follow suit of France and should not hesitate to support the principle of right and justice. Palestinian rights represented the crux of the whole Middle East problem and its solution would provide a key to a just and comprehensive peace in the region, said the paper.

On the same subject, *Okaz* described the French stance as a significant international shift in support of the Arab cause. It praised France's attitude toward the Palestine issue and said it reiterated the need for international action to stabilize peace in the Middle East. The paper hoped that France's present attitude would guide Western Europe in framing a new resolution of the Middle East crisis. The paper said it was convinced that Western Europe could play this role easily and successfully.

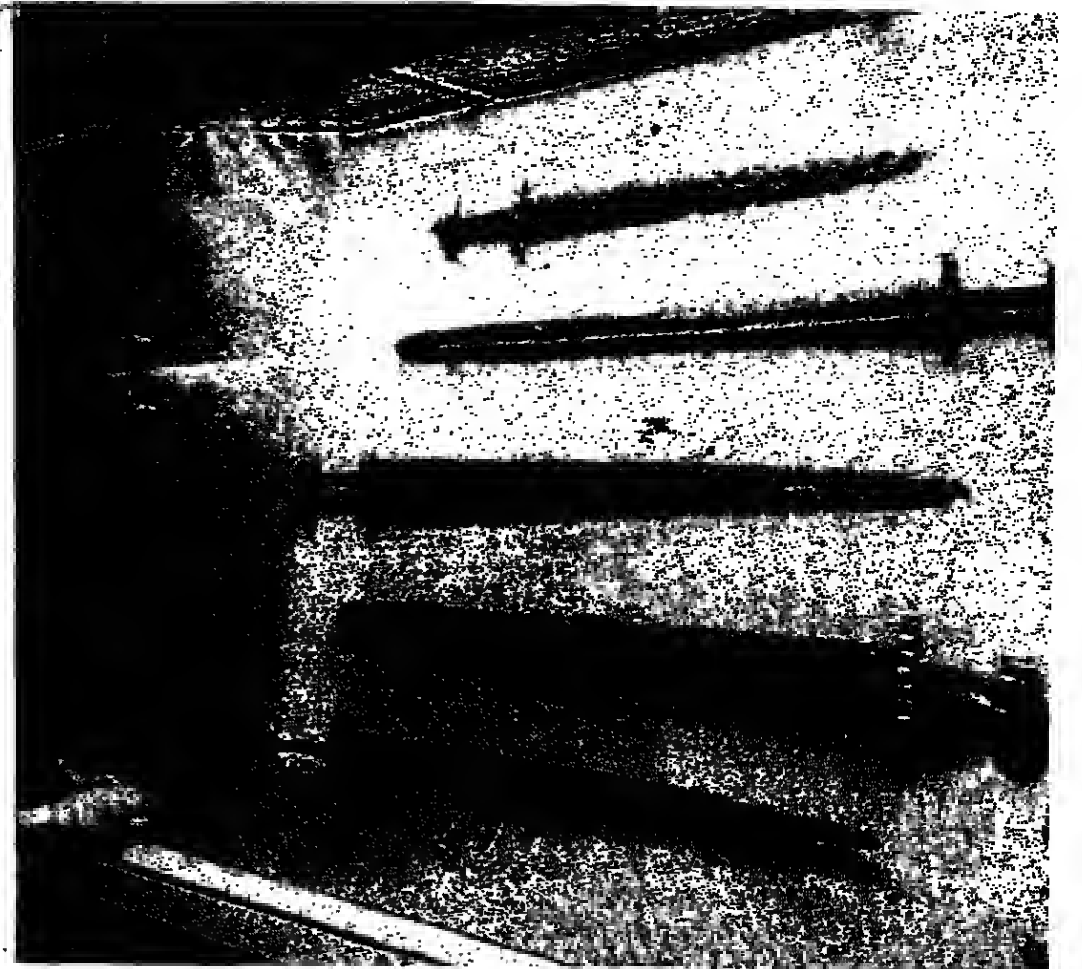
Writing on the state's concern for a strong and powerful armed forces, *Al-Bilad* expressed the hope that the new graduates from the King Abdul Aziz Academy would provide a nucleus in serving their faith, their sovereign and their homeland. That Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan has expressed his admiration of the new graduates is proof enough that these capable young men are the product of an interplay between the nation's resolve and its aspiration for the future. The paper lauded the state's efforts in developing the country's armed forces to provide a strong defense to Arab and Islamic causes.

Al-Nadwa concentrated on the French stand and expressed its pro-Arab attitude especially toward the Palestine cause. It said France has always been in the forefront of the big powers supporting the causes of emerging nations. On this occasion, the paper urged the need for intensifying cooperation with France in

particular and with Europe in general. A fruitful cooperation in different fields between the Arab world and Europe could be instrumental in bringing about international peace and progress on firm foundations away from the destructive currents, the paper said.

Commenting on the American sudden shift from denouncing the settlements policy of Israel, *Al-Jazirah* said the U.S. administration's abrupt decision was nothing but the outcome of the Zionist pressure which dominates almost all walks of life in the U.S. The economic, political and administrative weight of the Jews in America influences the American decisions, it said. The paper said there was a strong link between the U.S. backing away and the forthcoming presidential elections in the U.S. The Zionist influence is so great that it can turn all the Jews from voting in favor of President Carter in the upcoming elections, the paper added.

So I am like



From left to right: Gold decoration from an 11th century Viking ship, three items from the Middle East collected by the Vikings, part of the sword display.

The Vikings and the Arabs

By Jenny Bagley

LONDON — When the Arab traveler and writer, Ibn Fadlan, first set eyes on a group of Viking merchants on the River Volga in Russia in 922, he was clearly impressed: "I have never seen more perfect physical specimens, tall as date palms, blonde and ruddy; they wear neither tunics nor caftans but the men wear a garment which covers one side of the body and leaves a band free. Each man has an axe, a sword, and a knife and keeps each by him at all times."

Ibn Fadlan's description is included in the exhibition on The Vikings which has opened at The British Museum in London and continues until 20 July. The two factors which struck Ibn Fadlan most — the Vikings' physical strength and their weaponry — are the image most people have of these Northern Scandinavian tribes who migrated as far West as America and as far East as Tashkent between the ninth and eleventh centuries. In the West, particularly in Britain, they were principally pirates and raiders who plundered the land, brutally killed the natives, raped the women, stole or demanded booty and eventually formed settlements to farm the land. In the East, however, any raids across the Caspian Sea or in the Mediterranean were successfully repulsed by the technically superior Arabs and Byzantines, who were also more politically centralized and united at that time. There is an inscription in the exhibition from an 11th century headstone in Sweden commemorating an expedition to the Caliphate of Baghdad:

"They fared like men far after gold,
And in the east gave the eagle food.
They died southward in the land of Sara-
cens."

Some Vikings who were not killed remained to serve as mercenaries in the army at the court of Byzantium and in 1000 AD formed an imperial guard.

But mainly they decided it was more profitable to trade with Arab merchants who traveled by caravan from south and east to do business in Russian bazaars or the Caspian Sea ports. Apart from calling them "fire-worshippers" or "heathens", the Muslim Arabs and Christian Byzantines alike called them "Rus", that is foreigners trading from the North. The Vikings would bring furs, slaves, wax and Frankish swords, risking the long and dangerous journey from the North for the sake of the luxuries that the advanced and sophisticated Eastern countries could offer: embroidered silks, gold belts, glass, pottery, bronze vessels, and above all, silver and gold.

Well over 60,000 Arabic coins, minted in Egypt, Damascus, Isfahan, Baghdad and Tashkent, have been dug up in Viking-age archaeological excavations in Scandinavia, and even in Britain and Ireland. This was the main source of silver for the ostentatious and heavy jewellery the Vikings so loved. One gold necklace in the exhibition weighs over 2 kilos — They used their dress as a means of showing off their wealth: a man's riches were measured by the amount of ornamentation he and his wife wore. As Ibn Fadlan noted of some merchants:

"Round her neck she wears gold or silver rings; when a man amasses 10,000 dirhams he makes his wife one gold ring; when he has 20,000 he makes two; and so the woman gets a new ring for every 10,000 dirhams her husband acquires, and often a woman has many of these rings". Many of the coins were melted down to make arm bands, necklaces, and brooches. There are plenty of examples in the exhibition at the British Museum.

Also on display are a few Arab items taken back to Scandinavia and used regularly by a Viking family. Illustrated here is a bronze flask with an Arabic inscription: more impressive is a bronze brazier designed in the form of a mosque, decorated in Persian style.

Inscribed beneath the handle in Arabic is "in the name of Allah the merciful". This was made in Baghdad around 800 AD and excavated in Abya, Sweden.

One of the most interesting exhibits is a full-scale reproduction of a wooden house, of the type found at Hedeby, the most important Viking port in the North. Hedeby was then part of Denmark but is in modern-day

Germany. Arab travelers and traders found their way that far north, for we have account of Ibrahim al-Farisi who visited Hedeby in 950. We have him to thank for the knowledge that:

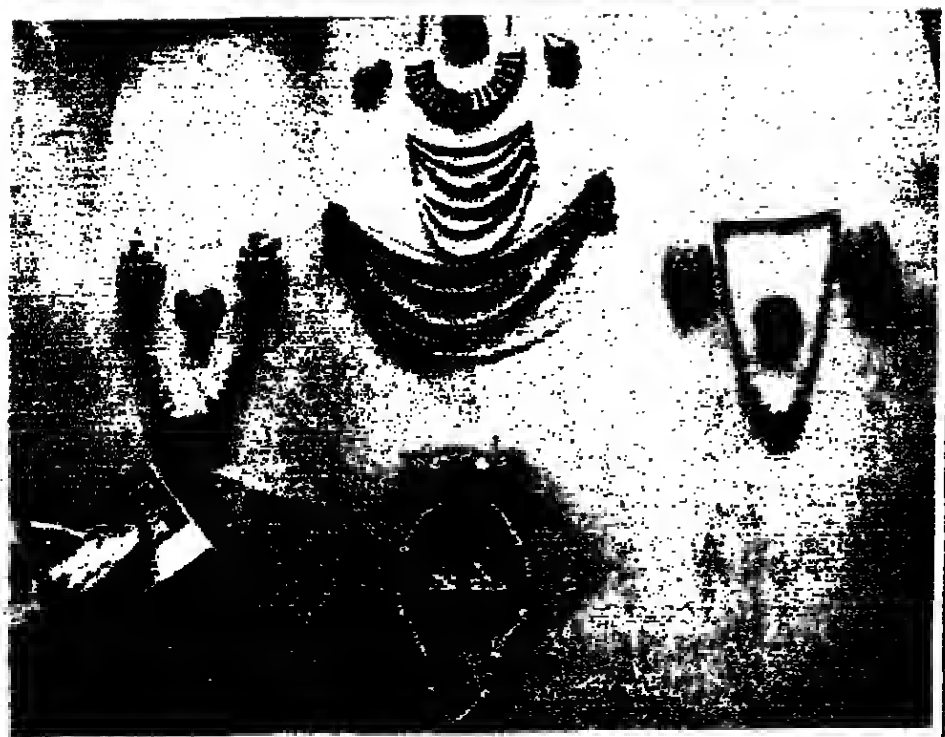
"...The inhabitants' principal food is fish which is very plentiful. The people often throw a newborn child into the sea rather than maintain it." He also noted, disapprov-

ingly one feels, that the women wore eye make-up and had the right to claim a divorce any time they wanted.

Other Arabs found the Vikings rude, coarse and dangerous. And Ibn Fadlan, so admiring of some Viking qualities, must have had mixed feelings for on another occasion he described them as "the dirtiest of God's creatures...and they do not wash themselves

after sex".

The exhibition shows us the home life of the Vikings, their masterful skill in ship-building (the first sight to greet you on arrival at the British Museum is a splendid Viking long-ship with dragon mast-head), their strange burial rites, their helmets and weapons and their art.



A reconstruction of a Viking ship (below) and gold jewelry (above)



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25 in 'web of graft'

U.K. probes alleged police corruption

LONDON, March 7 (AP) — As many as 25 London police officers, including some as high-ranking as divisional commander, could be charged with corruption in a major crackdown on "bent coppers," cockney slang for corrupt cops, a retiring police chief says.

The statement by Arthur Hambleton, who retired as chief constable of Dorset County last week, brought into focus a long, controversial investigation into what insiders say is an organized web of police graft. It also stocked public disquiet about Britain's traditionally upright bobbies.

Apart from corruption allegations, there are mounting demands for an inquiry into the deaths of some 273 persons in police custody over the last decade.

Hambleton declared in a British Broadcasting Corp. interview he was "absolutely staggered" at the extent of alleged corruption among London's bobbies, including elite

Scotland Yard crime teams twice hailed as incorruptible.

Altogether 80 officers "up to very high rank" in London's 22,000-member metropolitan police and the tiny city of London force which covers the capital's financial district are being investigated, he disclosed.

Hambleton was, until his retirement, in charge of Operation Countryman, the biggest investigation into police corruption in British police history.

The allegations are not new. Twenty of London officers jailed a few years ago in a big cleanup and some 400 officers have been dismissed or forced to resign.

But the allegations are the most serious yet: helping gangsters plan holdups in which men were killed, taking rackets, falsely accusing innocent men and altering evidence.

Hambleton's disclosures were the first public statement by a Countryman officer

since the probe began 18 months ago and underlined growing concern about why it's taking so long to produce results.

One source hinted that Hambleton is seeking to put authorities on the spot by publicly indicating the scale of the investigation.

"If nothing happens the people at the top know that there will inevitably be allegations of whitewash and coverup," the source explained.

So far action has only been taken against a handful of officers. Seven have been suspended. Five have been charged, the highest rank a detective chief inspector — and he was cleared earlier this month. None has yet been convicted.

Countryman's slow progress has triggered reports of sabotage and coverups by London detectives. Hambleton guardedly noted that senior detectives "had not been helpful" to Countryman's 80 investigators.

After martial law declared

Guerrillas fight police in Salvador streets

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador March 7 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas moved into three western neighborhoods of the capital, held streets for a while and fought gun battles with police, witnesses said.

Police said an undetermined number of guerrillas were killed. The police did not say if they suffered any casualties.

The leftists were not further identified. It was not known if the guerrilla action was

related to Thursday's declaration of a state of siege and the announcement of an agrarian reform law.

A presidential palace spokesman told reporters the junta issued a decree suspending constitutional guarantees for 30 days and imposing a "state of siege," a mild form of martial law, throughout the country.

The state of siege permits police to arrest people and search premises without warrants,

prohibit street rallies and demonstrations and impose press censorship.

Hours earlier, the junta announced a new law expropriating more than one million acres (400,000 hectares) of the country's arable land from 376 landowners and giving it to families who have been working on it.

A member of the junta, Col Adolfo Vajano, told a national radio audience the agrarian reform law "will take the land out of a few hands and give it to many...allowing the people to create their own destiny."

Vajano said the law will help people who have been living in poverty for years. He said farm workers and peasants should organize and work efficiently to produce food for local consumption rather than for export, as is now the case.

There was no official word on how the 376 families would be compensated for the expropriated land, but unconfirmed reports said they would receive government bonds, which could be used to help stimulate business and industry.

There was no immediate reaction from the landowners.

Vajano said the families, who are losing the land under the decree, owned 25 per cent of the country's arable land and 40 per cent of the best land.

A spokesman at the presidential palace said the majority of the expropriated landholdings were being occupied by troops to prevent owners from damaging property or removing equipment.

The spokesman said 70 of the larger properties were occupied by troops in the early morning, even before the new law was announced, and most of the proprietors abandoned their land. The rest of the properties were gradually being occupied during the day.

Gandhi appoints former foe to petroleum minister post

NEW DELHI, India, March 7 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on Friday appointed a former opponent, Veerendra Patil, to her cabinet.

Patil, 56, was sworn in as Petroleum and Chemicals Minister by President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy at the presidential palace.

Patil was the second cabinet rank minister sworn into office this week. His appointment fills one of 12 vacancies in her cabinet, which should have 29 members.

He was a leader of the opposition Janata Party and unsuccessfully contested against Gandhi in Nov. 1978 in a special election to the previous parliament.

Patil jumped to Gandhi's Congress Party last year and won a seat from Karnataka state, southern India, during the January nationwide election which returned her to power. He is a former Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Meanwhile, police arrested 36 persons Thursday who were allegedly involved in a

Feb. 25 attack on an eastern Indian village which left 14 untouchables dead, the United News of India reported.

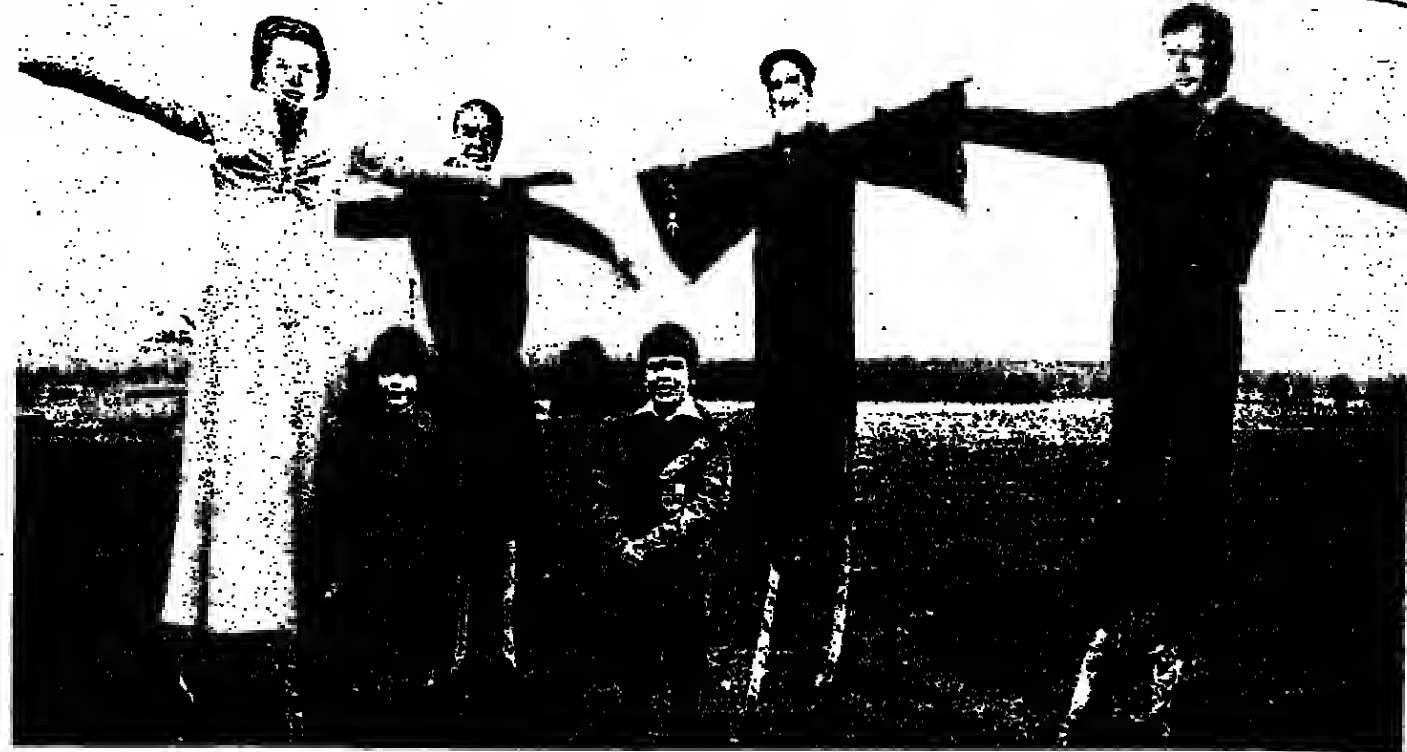
The untouchables were gunned down and their homes set ablaze by a mob of upper caste Hindus in Pipra village, Bihar state.

The incident created a public uproar after leading newspapers published photographs of the victims, some of whom were badly charred by the fire.

UNI quoted police superintendent S. K. Sinha as saying the 36 suspects were arrested in a village near Pipra along with 25 others who were found in possession of a large quantity of arms.

Survivors of the attack were asked to identify their assailants in police lineups, he said.

The Bihar state government announced after the killings a package of measures, including a "punitive tax" on residents where atrocities occur in a bid to curb them.



POLITICAL SCARE: A strange crew of scarecrows stand in a field on Brickhouse Farm Eversley, Hants. And they stand in a group never before achieved by political arrangement. Four heads of state Margaret Thatcher, Leonid Brezhnev, Ayatollah Khomeini and Jimmy Carter — were assembled by Samanthia (left) and James Povey with the help of their parents.

Videla researching public opinion

Argentina seeks return to democracy

BUENOS AIRES, March 7 (R) — President Jorge Videla said that he would consult all sectors of public opinion in a move to return Argentina to a form of democracy.

He did not set a date for the projected return to democracy after four years of military rule, but said, "The historic moment has come to work out, with imagination and valor, new formulas essential for our national life."

Gen. Videla said on radio and television Thursday that talks would not be held with those he described as "the corrupt and subversives, as well as those who profess

ideologies incompatible with our national way of life."

Last December he said the Peronist Party, for years Argentina's dominant political force, would not have a place in any future democracy.

However, this time he did not specify who would be left out.

Referring to the armed forces' campaign against Peronist and leftist guerrillas after the 1976 coup which toppled President Maria Estela Peron, Videla said, "We have arrived at this promising moment after a long and dramatic struggle, which has had its heroes

and martyrs. "The triumph achieved in the face of terrorist aggression is a heritage of which Argentines can be proud and which must not be denigrated."

He said various representatives of public opinion would be invited to talks with the government through the ministry of interior.

After preliminary discussions, other talks would be held to begin and exchange of ideas on the shape of the country's new institution he said.

John Wayne's family given medal in Washington



WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) — A gold medal inscribed "John Wayne, American" was handed to the late actor's oldest son as actress Maureen O'Hara, who suggested the inscription, stood by moist-eyed.

"John Wayne, you have your medal," U.S. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller declared at the close of a brief ceremony under the capitol dome.

The medal, which congress ordered struck in Wayne's honor shortly before his death last year, was received for him by Michel Wayne, executive producer of *Batjac*, a film producing company which the elder Wayne founded.

Also at the ceremony were Wayne's other children, 20 of his 21 grandchildren and family friends including Miss O'Hara and Dean Smith, a stunt man who took falls for the actor during his film career.

Legislation authorizing the medal was passed by Congress last year and signed into law by President Jimmy Carter on May 1. Wayne died after a long battle with cancer.

Congressional gold medals have been awarded 36 times. The first was given in 17 to George Washington. The most recent awarded to Kenneth Taylor, the Canadian Ambassador who helped a small band of Americans flee Iran.

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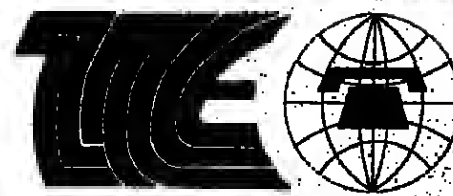
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In growing government split

Portugal's leader calls for new president

LISBON, March 7 (R) — Prime Minister Francisco Sacareiro rounded on his military critics and called for the election of a president who sided with the government.

In his first speech since a crisis developed between the government and the military this week, the premier accused his opponents on the 18-man Council of the Revolution of trying to sabotage the government's actions.

The prime minister on Thursday said any decision to call parliamentary elections before the autumn would be a violation of representative democracy.

He added that he had no intention of resigning.

The premier told parliament there were profound differences between the ruling right-wing alliance, the presidency and the military revolutionary council.

The speech was the clearest attack by Sacareiro on President Antonio Ramalho Eanes



Francisco Sacareiro

since the premier came to power last January.

Referring to the presidential elections scheduled for the end of this year, Sacareiro said Portugal would only achieve "full institutional solidarity" once a head of state who reflected the electoral backing of the gov-

ernment and parliament had been returned.

The premier said he wanted to avoid any confrontations with those organs of sovereignty which did not agree with the government — the presidency and the council. But he accused his opponents on the council of trying to stop the government from ruling.

The premier also accused his military critics of provoking an artificial crisis and said they were interested in undermining the country's stability.

President Eanes has asked the cabinet to order a police inquiry into press reports on the crisis. But the premier said the government would never act as a police force to control journalists.

The prime minister's speech closed a three-day parliamentary debate in which the opposition strongly attacked the government's policies and accused it of inventing reports of an attempted military coup to suit its political purposes.

1,000 appear as 'skeletons with skin'

Cuban prisoners mistreated, report says

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) — An Organization of American States report says there are about 1,000 political prisoners in Cuba, some of whom suffer from abusive treatment, inadequate diet and lack of medical attention.

The 49-page report, prepared by the OAS Inter-American Commission on human rights, says information received from a variety of sources reflects "the gravity of the

situation." Cuban prisoners face. The commission said it could not determine the exact number of political prisoners because Cuba has refused to cooperate with OAS investigators.

Its estimate of 1,000 was based on public statements by Cuban officials. Some of these prisoners are serving sentences for crimes committed under the regime of President Fulgencio Batista, it said.

The report said the great majority of prisoners take part in a rehabilitation program under which they agree to conform to socialist principles in exchange for preferential treatment and early release.

But the so-called "plantados" — those who refuse to accept rehabilitation — are the source of "the greatest international concern because of the severe mistreatment they suffer," the report said.

Most of the commission's information was derived from letters smuggled out of Cuban prisons and from the testimony of some of the 3,600 political prisoners who were released over the past year and sent to live in exile.

The commission cited an unattributed report received in November 1978 on the condition of the "plantados."

"They are not men, they are ghosts, skeletons covered with skin. They are worse than those photos of the Nazi concentration camps that horrified the world... The state of malnutrition, the generalized anemia keeps many of these unhappy people in a condition of total prostration, without enough energy even to stand up."

Refugees victimized by Pol Pot men

BANGKOK, Thailand, March 7 (AP) — The United Nations coordinator of the Sa Kaew refugee camp has called for the removal of a Pol Pot officer who is said to be ordering the beatings of refugees and intimidating them to return to fight in Cambodia.

A spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, which coordinates relief work at the camp, said the U.N. has asked Thai authorities, who are responsible for security, to investigate the problem.

A spokesman for the Thai Supreme

Command said the case is now under investigation.

On Friday the Bangkok Post quoted refugees in the camp as saying the Pol Pot officer, Col. Phak Lim, threatened to beat the UNHCR camp coordinator, John Johnson, if he enters the camp again.

It also quoted a relief worker as saying, "I'm wondering if this is a refugee camp or a military staging area for the Khmer Rouge... are we being duped?"

"Khmer Rouge" is a term used to designate the forces of ousted Premier Pol Pot, who for four years ruled Cambodia with a policy of terror.

Doctors' message urges ban on nuclear weaponry

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) — A group of leading doctors expressed concern about increasing talk of "survivability" during a nuclear war, saying in such an attack the medical profession would be left largely helpless.

The group presented a telegram, signed by more than 600 physicians, to a presidential

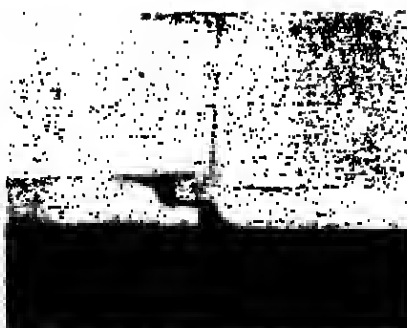
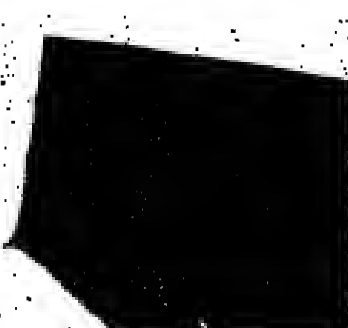
assistant at the White House and to a representative of the Soviet embassy here, urging a ban on the use of nuclear weapons.

Howard H. Hiatt, dean of the Harvard School for Public Health, said studies have shown if a nuclear missile were to hit Boston there would be an estimated 2.2 million deaths and more than one million injuries,

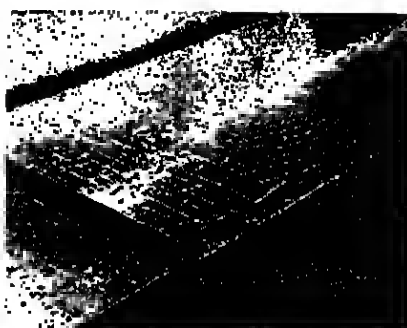
mostly serious burns and radiation sickness.

"Under these circumstances its obvious prevention is the name of the game," Hiatt told a news conference. Most of the hospitals would be destroyed, 90 per cent of the doctors would not be in no condition to care for patients and theoretically each doctor would be faced with 1,700 injured patients.

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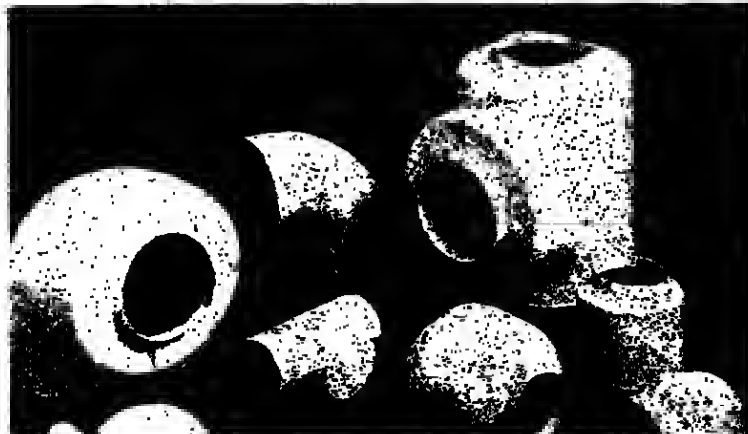
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U.S. missile program questioned on increased costs

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP) — Congressional auditors said Thursday the proposed U.S. MX mobile missile would cost at least \$56 billion, raising a serious question whether the Pentagon can afford it.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, also said in its report that there is uncertainty whether, under present plans, the MX can

achieve its basic purpose of hiding U.S. missiles from enemy attack.

The Carter administration has estimated the cost of the MX at \$33 billion.

The GAO has been saying for several months that costs for weapons already being developed or built are rising so fast that Congress is likely to order some of them cut.

For that reason, the accounting office

recommended in the latest report that Defense Secretary Harold Brown weigh the MX missile cost against other defense spending "to determine if it is affordable."

The auditors recommended that Brown also determine "whether any other major weapon system programs would have to be terminated or delayed" to pay for the MX system.

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U.S. House slashes aid for development banks

WASHINGTON, March 7 (R) — The House of Representatives Friday approved a bill authorizing U.S. funds for international development banks but slashed contributions to the Asian Development Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank.

The vote was 219-166. The four billion dollar bill — cut by about a third by the House — still has to go to the Senate.

The House voted by 210-189 to reduce the U.S. contribution to the Asian Development Bank's fund from \$445 million to \$180 million.

The fund provides easy-term loans to small and poor developing countries in Asia, including Pakistan, Burma, Nepal, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

The U.S. contribution of \$ 445 million sought by the Carter administration would be 27 per cent of the total replenishment of \$ 2.15 billion.

By voice vote the House also passed an amendment barring U.S. conditions to the fund if Taiwan were excluded from membership.

Earlier, by a vote of 219-170, the House adopted an amendment proposed by Mary-

Kuwait plans Austria accord

KUWAIT, March 7 (AP) — Austria's Vice Chancellor and Finance Minister Hannes Androsch conferred here with cabinet ministers on boosting economic and commercial relations between Kuwait and Austria.

Androsch, who arrived Wednesday met Thursday with Finance Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Ahmed, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah and Minister of Commerce and Industry Abdul Wahab Al-Nafesi.

An oil ministry spokesman said that Androsch's talks with the oil minister concerned prospects of cooperation between the two countries in the field of oil industry.

The two officials also exchanged views on the current world energy situation and its impact on the world economy.

land Republican Robert Bauman reducing U.S. contributions to the Inter-American Development Bank.

The amendment would cut the bank's fund for special operations to \$ 600 million and reduce the U.S. contribution to its capital stock to \$ 1.66 billion from \$ 2.7 billion.

In addition to the Asian and Inter-American banks, the bill also authorizes \$125 million for the African Development Fund.

Other amendments adopted by the House would call for a voluntary fund within the Asian bank to help resettle refugees, in which the United States would provide 25 per cent of the money.

The international banks, which are funded by various nations and make loans to developing countries, don't enjoy the same spending priority in Congress as, for example, water projects or social security payments which benefit constituents and create good will for incumbents.

The bill before the House does not actually spend any money but only authorizes U.S. contributions to the banks. The House currently is unable to pass any appropriations bills until it does something about its budget.

It can cut already approved spending, waive the Budget Act which limits its spending, or pass a new resolution increasing the budget. Passage of a new resolution is the most likely to occur but it probably will not happen until April or May.

Passage of the scaled-down authorization bill came on a 219 to 156 vote after Bauman and Representative John Rousset, Republican-California, succeeded in slashing authorizations for the International banks.

Outlays — the actual cash that was expected to go to the banks — were cut from \$ 1.5 billion to just over \$ 1 billion.

Actual outlays — the loan guarantees are not considered outlays unless a default occurs — for that bank were reduced from \$206 million to \$123.7 million. In addition Bauman's amendment cut authorizations for the bank's special operation fund, which loans money to the poorest countries at low-interest rates, from \$700 million to \$600 million.

Turkey rents foreign refinery to boost plant's production

ANKARA, March 7 (R) — The Turkish government has rented the country's second-largest refinery from the foreign oil companies which own it in an attempt to boost the plant's production, an energy ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman Thursday said the state-owned Turkish Petroleum Organization (TPAO) would from now on import crude for the Atas Refinery in the Mediterranean town of Mersin and pay the foreign companies to refine it.

The refinery is owned by Mobil, B.P., Shell and a private Turkish company. For the past two years, following Turkey's serious economic difficulties, it has been operating at less than 30 per cent capacity because Mobil and B.P. stopped import-

ing crude when the government could no longer pay them in hard currency.

The part of the refinery owned by Shell and the Turkish firm is not affected by the latest move. They do not import crude but merely refine locally-extracted oil, which accounts for all current production.

The ministry spokesman said the TPAO would pay a fixed price for every ton of crude refined at Atas.

The move was aimed at bringing the refinery up to its production capacity of 4.4 million tons a year, he added.

Oil industry sources said the renting agreement was for an initial three months.

Spokesmen for the foreign oil companies were not immediately available for comment on the new agreement.

Algeria levies gas 'exploration fee'

PARIS, March 7 (AP) — Algeria's state-owned Sonatrach Oil Company is seeking to impose an "exploration fee" for its liquefied natural gas exports similar to the \$ three-per-barrel fee recently imposed on crude oil shipments, French oil industry sources said.

Two sources said the exploration fee is part of new financial terms Algeria is seeking during the renegotiation of all — present and future — natural gas export contracts. A major Algerian client is the U.S. El Paso Company.

The levy on oil may be recouped by a company for exploration on Algerian territory in agreement with Sonatrach.

Other terms are said to include a new base price of about \$6 per million British thermal units — 1,000 cubic feet — indexing the base price to that of crude oil, and standardizing escalation clauses in the contracts, the sources said.

Algeria has long maintained that its gas export price, ranging up to \$3 per MBTU, was too low. Abu Dhabi, for example, currently is charging over \$5 per million BTU.

The official Algerian News Agency said that a new, higher minimum price would encourage and stimulate investments in exploration and development of gas.

The difference in price with crude oil "is no longer sustainable at a time when it is becoming more and more important in the economies of the industrialized nations and that demand for gas exceeds offers," the agency said.

Liquefied gas contracts, revised every four years, have different indexation clauses based on prices of various fuel oils on various markets.

Major customers whose contracts are being renegotiated are believed to include the United States, France, West Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium.

France's state-run Gaz de France confirmed earlier this week that Sonatrach was seeking to double its gas price to \$6 per MBTU, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1980.

French industry sources doubt whether Algeria's clients will be able to hold out for long. "Importing countries will have to comply ... just as they did and still do for crude oil," one source said.

Market responds to reserve moves

NEW YORK, March 7 — Fear of further Federal Reserve tightening may have been the catalyst in the market's late afternoon reversal Thursday following its mid session recovery from a negative opening. Today's negative opening was possibly influenced by the Congress budget projection for 1980 inflation between 10.6 per cent and 12.6 per cent, a 2 per cent higher rate than January's prediction.

Closing averages: DJIA 844.88-11.60; DIT 283.45-3.36; DJIU 206.94-.91; DJIC 310.13-.38; volume 49,730 million; advances 282; declines 1311; new highs 18; new lows 217; AMEX 296.37-2.79; NASDAQ 152.94-2.45. Today's transportation average was lowered .29 and the composite average lowered .10 by the ex-div. of Missouri Pacific 75c.

Energy issues lower on the day, Atlantic Richfield from 2 1/2 to 1 1/2, Std. Oil 1 1/2 to 99 1/2, Hughes Tool 1 1/2 to 63 1/2, Schlumberger 2 1/2 to 110 1/2, Gainers, Royal Dutch, Petr. 1 1/2 to 87 1/2; Murphy Oil 5 1/2 to 113, Gulf Oil 4 1/2 to 51 1/2.

Metal and Precious metal issues were winners on the day with Alcan up 1/2 to 62 1/2, Reynolds up 1/2 to 36 1/2, Alcoa up 1/2 to 69 1/2, St. Joe Minerals up 2 1/2 to 49, Campbell Red Lake up 2 1/2 to 39 1/2, Dome Mines up 1/2 to 77 1/2, Homestake up 3 1/2 to 63 1/2, Day Mines up 2 1/2 to 42 1/2, Callahan Mining up 2 1/2 to 54 1/2. Losers being Rosario Resources 1 1/2 to 73, Newmont Mining 2 1/2 to 50.

In the growth and glamour which were weak throughout the day, Procter and Gamble off 1/2 to 66 1/2, and off 1/2 to 67 1/2, Merck down 1 1/2 to 59 1/2, SmithKline down 1 1/2 to 50 1/2, Digital Equip down 3 to 70 1/2, IBM off 1 1/2 to 52, Storage Tech. off 1 to 17 1/2, Xerox off 2 1/2 to 57 1/2, National Semi off 1 1/2 to 35 1/2, CBS off 1/2 to 46 1/2 and Time Inc. off 1 1/2 to 46, Gainers being Humana 1/2 to 36 1/2, Winn Dixie Stores 1/2 to 25 1/2.

Among the basic industry issues, Coli lads down 1/2 to 46 1/2, Allied Chem up 1 1/2 to 55 1/2, DuPont off 1 to 36 1/2, Monsanto up 1/2 to 49 1/2, Intl. Papers off 1 1/2 to 38 1/2, Boise Cascade down 1/2 to 33 1/2, Weyerhaeuser off 1 1/2 to 33, Lone Star off 1 1/2 to 24 1/2, and Fluc. Federsoon down 1 1/2 to 29 1/2. General Motors lost 1 to 49 1/2, in the auto sector, and in the machinery issues which were mixed lower Caterpillar off 1 1/2 to 48 1/2, Intl. Harvester off 1 1/2 to 31 1/2, Joy up 1/2 to 31 1/2, Ingersoll Rand up 1/2 to 55 1/2 and Parker Hannifan down 1 1/2 to 28 1/2.

In the gaming, Aeropac, airlines and rails, Bally lost 1 1/2 to 25 1/2, Hilton Hotels off 1 1/2 to 28 1/2, Resorts Intl. off 1 1/2 to 28 1/2, Boeing down 2 1/2 to 20 1/2.

59 1/2, Northrop up 1/2 to 53 1/2, Raytheon down 1 1/2 to 75 1/2, Delta off 1/2 to 34 1/2, UAL off 1/2 to 17 1/2, Norfolk and Western down 1/2 to 29 and Southern down 1 1/2 to 58.

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Libya eyes lower oil output

TRIPOLI, March 7 (R) — Libya's U.S.-trained Oil Minister, Abdu Salem Zagar, said that his country's future oil production would depend on the results of technical studies now under way. But Libya does not want to destabilize the West with production cuts, he added.

"Look at production from a national point of view," he said in an interview. "Our reserves have been over-produced for the past five or eight years and a decrease in production is under study. If technical studies prove we have to decrease it, to close some fields, we shall do so."

Zagar said current Libyan production was at 2.1 million barrels a day, but declined to estimate future output.

"It is not our intention to destabilize the West, or the East, but oil is a commodity existing on the market and affected by inflation, supply and demand, the cost of alternatives," he said.

Zagar insisted that the increase in his country's oil price from \$14.50 to \$36 in little more than a year was a response to inflation, not the cause of it.

He said if consuming countries acted to curb inflation, future increases could at least

come regularly and not erratically as in the recent past.

"We need to sit down together and look for a formula for regularizing prices," he said, mentioning possible indexation with a basket of currencies or products.

Zagar said there was no immediate intention on Libya's part to use oil as a political weapon to combat the Egyptian-Israeli accord.

But he said if the Arab nation as a whole thought it was necessary, it might do so.

And referring to the United States, one of Libya's major oil customers, he said "I would be a hypocrite if I said we were comfortable with them, felt 100 per cent ready to shake hands with them."

Asked why his predecessor, Ezzedin Mabrouk, had been replaced last January after 10 years as oil minister, Zagar said there had been criticism of the slow pace of Libya's nationalization of the oil industry and a feeling that a more technical approach was needed.

He confirmed reports that Mabrouk had been ousted after a stormy meeting of the ruling General People's Congress, but dismissed reports that the former minister was involved in current investigations of top level corruption among Libyan authorities.

Arab Bank approves \$33m in loans

KHAROUJ, March 7 (R) — The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) has signed agreements providing soft-rate loans totaling \$ 15.2 million to Angola and Gambia, the bank said.

The bank has also approved loans totaling \$ 18.45 million for Botswana, Mozambique and the Seychelles.

Under the agreements signed Tuesday, Angola will receive a \$ 10 million, 15-year loan for work on the Benguela Railway Lobito route, Gambia will receive a \$ 5.2 million, 15-year loan to finance its Yundum airport expansion project.

U.N. approves Tunisian drought aid

ROME, March 7 (AP) The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization has announced the approval of a \$ 3.5 million grant in emergency food aid for the relief of people affected by drought in Tunisia.

The grant was made from funds of the U.N.

Developing nation food aid doubled

LONDON, March 7 (R) — The United States and the Common Market led signatories to an agreement nearly doubling food aid to developing countries.

They agreed to provide 7.6 million tons of wheat and other cereals and cereal products a year to needy nations.

Under the old agreement a total of 4.25 million tons of food aid was provided. About

75 per cent of the aid was in the form of grants — the rest was in low interest loans.

The donor countries met at the Food Aid Committee of the International Wheat Council.

The new agreement, calling for grants wherever possible, will go into effect on July 1, following ratification by the signatory countries.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6.00 P.M. Wednesday

	SA MA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.38	3.38
Pound Sterling	7.45	7.60	7.57
Deutsche Mark (100)	187.00	191.00	188.70
Swiss F (100)	196.00	205.00	197.00
French F (100)	80.00	81.50	80.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	40.00	40.70	42.05
Lebanese Lira (100)		101.50	101.85
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	86.60
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.27	12.27
Jordanian Dinar		11.45	11.32
Emirates Dirham (100)		90.10	90.10
Omani Riyal (100)		91.80	91.80
Bahraini Dinar		8.95	8.95
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		10.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.25	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)		84.50	90.50
Indian Rupee (100)		—	41.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.15
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.50	—	13.80
Canadian Dollar	2.91	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	115.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	170.00	—	172.00
Spanish Peso	—	51.00	51.00
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6	Anangal Peace	Dri	Bagged Barley	4-3-80
7	Gedaref	A.E.T.	Dura	4-2-80
8	Gina	Red Sea	General	2-3-80
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12	Union Boston	O.C.E.	Reefers	4-3-80
15	Wild Avocat	D.C.E.	General/Steel/Rebar	2-3-80
16	Kathleen	H.S.S.C.	Containers	5-3-80
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Heineken	64.50	64.50	
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Unilever	68.00	67.00	
KLM	68.00	70.00	
Philips	109.00	112.00	
Shell	72.50	74.00	
Telecom	205.00	211.50	
Philips	18.70	18.50	
Robur	173.50	175.50	
Shell	12.80	12.70	
Hollco	152.00	152.00	
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Shell	72.50	74.00	
Telecom	205.00	211.50	
Philips	18.70	18.50	
Robur	173.50	175.50	
Shell	12.80	12.70	
Hollco	152.00	152.00	
Rossmo	104.00	103.00	
Royal Dutch	187.20	186.00	
Unilever	112.00	113.30	

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In British squash

Experience meets genius

LONDON, March 7 (R) — Britain's Jonah Barrington, one of the all-time squash greats, and relative newcomer Jahangir Khan of Pakistan should produce an absorbing British open championship third round confrontation here Saturday.

Six-time winner Barrington, 39 next month, but still good enough to be rated ninth in the international rankings, admitted he will need all his experience to beat the brilliant world amateur champion who is 22 years his junior.

"I would certainly rather play him now than next year when I'll be a year older and that much slower," said Barrington.

He added, "I have no doubts that over the next couple of years Jahangir will beat all the world's best players and by the time he is 21 no one will be able to live with him on court."

The British number one, who completed his first open triumph when Jahangir was three years old, enthused, "He has the right temperament, a brilliant short game, wonderful length when he needs to defend and such marvellous stamina. Once the odd rough edge is smoothed out he'll be virtually unstoppable."

Mohibullah Khan, the third seed from Pakistan, reached the third round of the squash championship by beating world junior champion Glen Brumby of Australia 9-3, 9-2, 9-5 and seventh-seeded New Zealand Bruce Brownlee also brushed aside British challenger Barry O'Connor in straight games.

All eight of the 16 second round matches played were completed without surprises.

Riyadh tennis play reaches third round

RIYADH, March 7 — Fine tennis is displayed during the second day of the second round matches during which six of the seeded players continued to the 3rd round. Excellent ball control was displayed by Chellini in the match which opposed him to Albert. With good long balls and a very deep drive Chellini won in two sets 6-1 6-3.

Stephenson beating Dirks-Dilly in the first round with two straight sets 6-0 and 6-0 met 3rd seed Mabrouk Mabrouk in an excellent style did not leave much chance for Stephenson winning 6-0 and 6-0.

When Australian Dean Williams beat Egyptian Magdi Saad 9-7, 9-7, 9-4 and the aging Mohammed Yasin of Pakistan scored a straightforward 9-2, 9-5, 10-8 win over former amateur international John Richardson of Britain.

World champion Geoff Hunt of Australia overcame a shaky start to his bid for a record-equaling seventh title with a polished 9-5, 9-7, 9-0 second round victory over Daulat Khan of Pakistan.

Hunt, the winner in 1969, 1974 and the last four years, showed a distinct improvement in form as he knocked his amateur opponent out of the 20,000 sterling (\$46,000) tournament in 30 minutes.

The 32-year-old top seed, surprisingly extended to four games by opening opponent Abbas Saoud of Egypt, collected 16 consecutive points without losing his service from 2-1 in the second game.

Hunt now faces veteran South African Roland Watson on Saturday for a place in the quarter finals.

Watson, ranked eighth in the world, but unseeded for the open, completed an equally efficient 9-4, 9-7, 9-6 win over Australian Roy Ollier.

Watson, 34, gave Hunt a tough time at the world championship in Toronto last September and led the holder 7-4 in the fourth game of their quarter-final match.

Barrington, dismissed Hamburg-based compatriot Gavin Dupre 9-4, 9-5, 9-1 and lined himself up for the introductory third round clash against Jahangir Khan of Pakistan.

Jahangir, rated the best young prospect in the sport, beat Britain's David Thomas 9-1, 9-6, 9-5.

Hunt was well below his norm when he began his bid for a record equaling title Wednesday.

The top seed made a surprising number of errors, particularly on the backhand, as he beat Saoud 9-1, 9-5, 5-9, 9-5 in a first round match.

Qamar Zaman, who is seeded to meet Hunt in the final next week, was also a little below his best.

The Pakistani, with two recent victories over Hunt to his credit, surprisingly dropped the third game to British international John Le Lievre before winning his first round match 9-4, 9-4, 6-9, 9-1.

Thatcher increases campaign for Moscow games boycott

LONDON, March 7 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, stepping up her Conservative government's campaign to boycott the Moscow Olympics, Thursday night urged Britons not to go to the games as spectators.

"If the games go ahead as planned, we feel it incumbent upon us to discourage visitors such as spectators from going to Moscow, and we very much hope they will take this advice," she stressed in a letter to Laborite legislator Jeff Rookes.

"We are, of course, only advising, and the decision, particularly that of conscience about going to Moscow, must be taken by the people concerned themselves."

The prime minister's comments came after scores of British athletes earlier this week voted in favor of participating in Moscow despite a government effort to persuade them to stay away as a protest against Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Thatcher told Booker, who has approached her about the dilemma of Britons who have paid to go to Moscow for the Olympics on vacation time.

The government has indeed taken this difficult aspect into account in our discussions about our attitude to the games in the wake of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

She added, "It is one of the reasons why we pressed from the start for the removal of the games by the International Olympic Committee from the Soviet Union."

She said that if this had been done the money already deposited by Britons planning to go there would have been legally returnable.

"It would then have been open to them to make arrangements to travel instead to the new location, if they so wished," Thatcher said.

"As it is the committee has decided to go

ahead with the games in Moscow, but we remain firmly of the view that they should be removed."

The Dominican Republic, meanwhile, will not prevent its athletes from taking part in the Moscow Olympics but it is considering withholding financial support for their team, a government spokesman said Thursday.

He said the government supported President Jimmy Carter's stand against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, but it could not interfere with a decision by the Dominican Olympic Committee to take part in the games this July.

However the government was still considering whether or not to give the committee its usual financial support, the spokesman added.

The chairman of the Soviet 1980 Olympics Organizing Committee said Thursday that 100 countries have confirmed their intention to participate in the Summer Games in Moscow, Radio Moscow reported.

Ignaty Novikov made the statement to a group of visiting American and Canadian sportswriters and teachers, the radio said.

He also was quoted as saying that the preparation of Olympic facilities was "largely completed."

The Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, saying the recently completed XIII Winter Olympics were "good for business," has voted to ask organizers to make a bid for the 1992 games.

Chamber President Ed Weibrecht presented his group's resolution to a meeting Wednesday night of the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee. The proposal was greeted by applause from some members of the committee — but no action was taken.

The 1984 games are scheduled for Yugoslavia, Calgary, in Canada's Alberta province, is expected to win the 1988 bid.

Tate eagerly awaits Ali match

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee, March 7 (AP) — John Tate's manager says the World Boxing Association heavyweight champion is looking forward to a fight with former champ Muhammad Ali, but first he must disperse of challenger Mike Weaver.

Acc Miller made the comment Thursday, a day Ali's manager and promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank, reached agreement on a deal that would bring the 38-year-old Ali out of

retirement to fight Tate in late June.

But that Tate-Ali fight would be off, and, according to Arum, would likely become an Ali-Weaver bout if Tate loses his title to Weaver in their March 31 fight here.

And Weaver was very much on Miller's mind Thursday.

"Sure we want Ali, but we're more interested in Weaver," Miller said during a telephone interview. "We've got to beat him before we fight anybody else."

"Weaver's a fighter a lot of people could overlook. He's rangy boxer with a loom reach," Miller said. "Nobody can judge his distance. He's got no reverse. Like John, he just goes forward and plugs. It will be a case of two complementary styles — only John is bigger and I think stronger."

On the subject of a fight with Ali, Miller said he hasn't signed an agreement for Tate to meet the three-time heavyweight champion.

Nets stall Bullets

Dallas gets NBA franchise

CHICAGO, Illinois, March 7 (AP) — Dallas was awarded a National Basketball Association franchise for the 1980-81 season Thursday, prompting a realignment of teams in both the Eastern and Western conferences, commissioner Larry O'Brien said.

O'Brien, in Chicago for an NBA board of governors meeting, made the announcement at a brief news conference after a one-hour meeting with the league's 22 owners.

O'Brien said the realignment would be as follows:

— Milwaukee and Chicago will be moved from the Western Conference's Midwest Division to the Eastern Conference's Central Division.

— Houston and San Antonio will be moved from the Eastern Conference's Central Division to the Western Conference's Midwest Division.

— Dallas will join the league as a member of Western Conference's Midwest Division.

The realignment will mean three divisions in the NBA will have six teams. The Atlantic Division of the East Conference will remain the only conference with five teams.

In NBA action, after being held to just nine first-half points, Adrian Dantley broke loose for 21 points in the second half to lead the Utah Jazz to a 117-110 victory over the Portland Trailblazers Thursday night.

Walter Davis scored a game-high 30 points and Paul Westphal added 26 as the Phoenix Suns upended the Seattle SuperSonics 127-111 Wednesday.

Veteran Guard Nate Archibald and Gerald Henderson each scored in the last 35 seconds of the first overtime period Wednesday night to give the Boston Celtics a hard-fought 103-99 victory over the Houston Rockets.

Ricky Sobers hit on a 3-point field goal attempt at the final buzzer to give the Chicago Bulls a 106-105 victory over the Golden State Warriors Wednesday.

The Denver Nuggets, led by Dan Issel with 28 points, used balanced scoring and withstood a furious fourth quarter rally by Milwaukee to score a 112-109 victory Wednesday over the Bucks.

Nantes defeats Moscow Dynamo

MOSCOW, March 7 (AP) — Nantes defeated Moscow Dynamo, 2-0, Wednesday night in the quarter-finals of the European Cup winners cup.

Scorers for Nantes were Jusseau at the 57th minute and Pecout at the 86th.

Nantes and Moscow Dynamo will meet again in Nantes March 19, with the aggregate score determining access to the semi-finals.

Some 25,000 spectators packed the stands in Tbilisi, a sister city of Nantes. About 300 French fans appeared for the match.

The match began slowly, with most of the action centered in mid-field and Dynamo largely on the offensive.

After winning six of their previous seven games, improving their chances for a 12th consecutive year playoff competition, the Bullets were crushed 122-96 by the New Jersey Nets Thursday night.

With a 31-36 record and 15 games left, the Bullets are 1 1/2 games behind New York and San Antonio now tied for the last two playoff berths in the Eastern Conference, and two games behind Houston with 12 games left, but coach Kevin Luebery figures they can survive a six-team battle for the last three spots.

The Nets made it a runaway as Cliff Robinson scored 23 points in the final period. Robinson, after intermission went 9-for-10 from the foul line to finish with 27 points in 27 minutes.

U.S. Sports Briefs

NEW YORK, March 7 (UPI) — U.S. figure skaters Randy Gardner and Tai Babilonia announced Thursday they will not compete in next week's World Championships in West Germany because Gardner has not fully recovered from a groin injury.

Danny Edwards leads 8 other golfers by 1 stroke after firing a 6-under par 66 Thursday in the opening round of the \$300,000 Inverrary Golf Classic in Lauderhill, Florida.

College basketball tournaments got underway Thursday with the following scores:

SCORES: NCAA Tournament		
East Regional		
Penn	62 Washington State	55
Midwest Regional		
Fennester	80 Furman	69
South Regional		
Kansas State	71 Arkansas	53
National Invitation Tournament		
Boston College	95 Boston University	74
Michigan	76 Nebraska	69
Duquesne	65 Pittsburgh	63
Mississippi	76 Grambling	74
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Montreal	5 Edmonton	4
New York	5 Philadelphia	2
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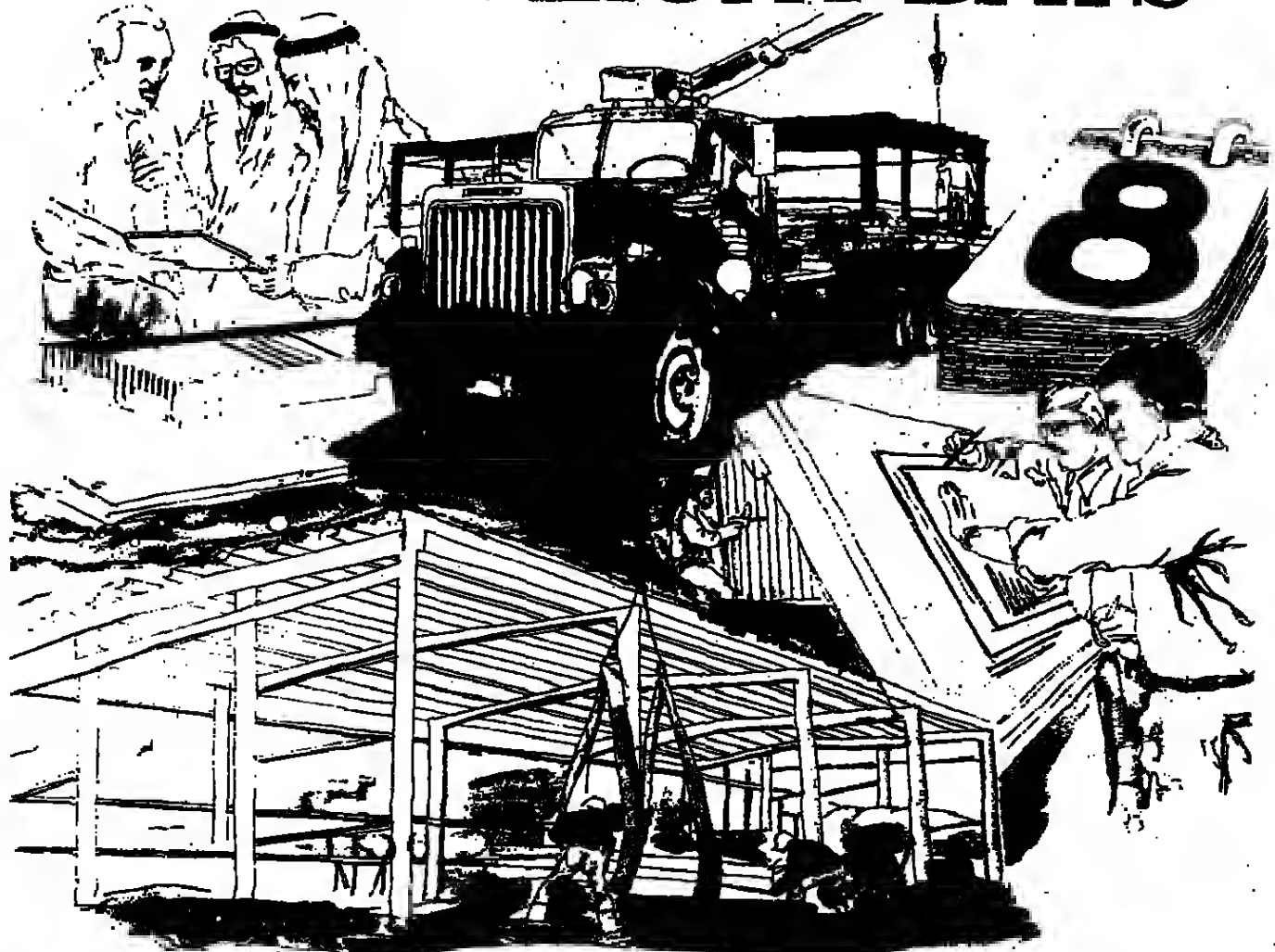
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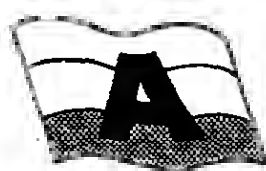
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- One-tenth of a bowling game
- West canoeing
- His tomb is in Moscow
- Shut out
- Elaborate
- Garfield's "of Evil"
- Ottoman ruler
- Worth
- Faust
- Athletic award
- Uncle's poet
- Numerical suffix
- British carbine
- Nucleus
- One "Wizard of Oz" star
- Uncover
- Samson
- Old-time note
- Texas city
- Teeth of a sea
- Wallach
- Spartan
- Direction on ship
- Hackneyed
- S.A. animal
- Edgington's "Dell"
- One kind of alien

DOWN

- Abandoned
- Make merry
- Vengeful
- 400 years
- Give a right to
- Allied
- Spanish gold
- Ultimate
- Struggle
- Man on the run
- Become more involved
- Tape line
- Noted
- Wise
- The
- Tompest
- role
- Greek city
- Ball at
- "Joey," for example
- Noted general
- Curtis
- Katie, from and
- Ward (off)
- Supply with weapons
- U.S. air group

Yesterday's Answer

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♠ K 8 5 2
♥ A J 8
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 7 4

EAST

♠ Q J 10 7 6 5
♥ K 8 9
♦ A 8 5
♣ A

SOUTH

♠ A 4
♥ —
♦ K J 10 9
♣ K Q J 10 8 5 2

The bidding: East South West North
1♣ 2♥ 2♠ 2NT
Pass 5♣

Opening lead — nine of spades.

There are easy hands to play, and there are also difficult ones. Fortunately, the easy hands far outnumber the difficult ones. And so, because of this, a player's ranking depends not so much on his ability to execute exotic squeezes, combs and endplays as it does on how well he handles the run-of-the-mill hands.

There is nothing complicated in the play of this hand, yet it is easy to miss the key point. The deal occurred in a duplicate tournament, and of the twelve Souths who got to five clubs only two made the contract.

The opening lead invariably was the nine of spades. At most tables, South won with the ace and played a trump. East took the ace and returned a spade, which West ruffed. South later lost a diamond trick and went down one.

This outcome was avoided at the two tables where South took the spade lead in dummy with the king, cashed the ace of hearts, and discarded the ace of spades on 1!

When declarer now led a trump, it became impossible to stop the contract. East took the ace of trumps and led a spade, but declarer ruffed high, drew West's last trump, and conceded a diamond trick, thus easily making the contract.

Certainly the situation demands that declarer win the spade lead in dummy and dispose of his ace of spades, which is a millstone around his neck. But to make this play is much easier said than done, since it is highly unusual for a player to discard an ace on an ace.

It is mostly a matter of training one's self to say at the start of the play: "What can I defeat me?" Since the answer is that only a spade ruff can defeat the contract, declarer's thoughts are almost spontaneously directed to seeking ways and means of dealing with that possibility.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

— Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE is LONGFELLOW

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Medina	5:26	6:39	12:40	4:03	6:31	8:01
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5:30 Disneyland	Sancho, the Homing Steer-P12
6:19 Boy Dominic	The Man who Loved Children
Safety Film	Any Speed Can Be Too Fast
6:44 All in the Family	No. 609
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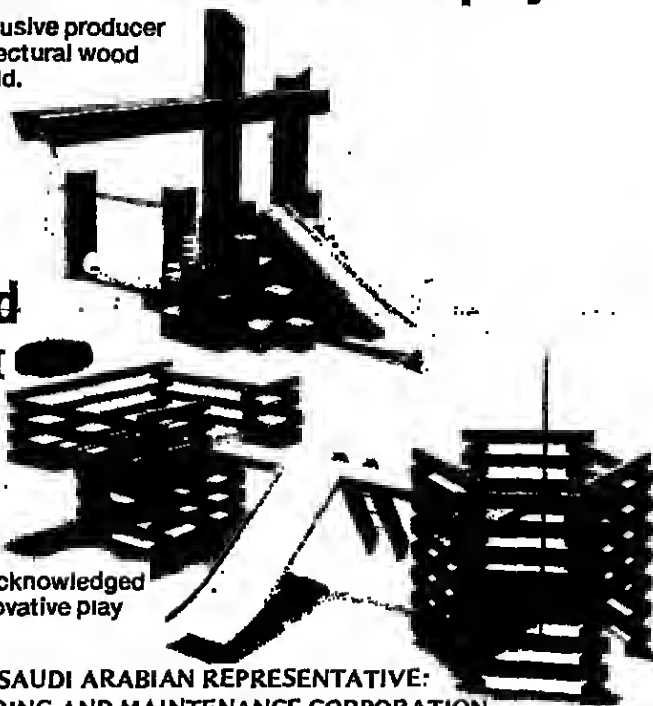
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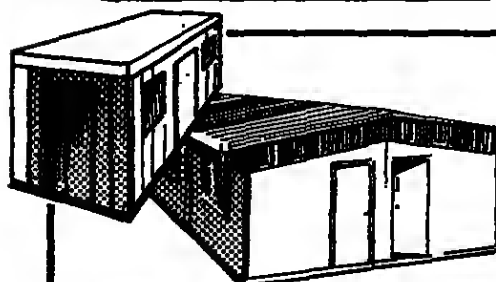
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Revolutionary Council takes charge

Iran's militants to release hostages

TEHRAN, March 7, (R) — Iran's ruling Revolutionary Council prepared to accept 49 American hostages Friday after the Muslim students holding them at the U.S. Embassy here offered to hand them over.

The authorities, apparently surprised by the student decision, agreed to take them at a Revolutionary Council meeting Thursday night.

The move paved the way for a visit to the hostages by a five-member international U.N. Commission in Tehran with a two-part brief to investigate the alleged crimes of the ex-Shah of Iran and to check the hostages' condition.

But sources close to the commission said the proposed visit might include questioning hostages on the United States' role in the Shah's regime.

Revolutionary Council spokesman Hassan Habibillas quoted by the official PARS news agency as saying the commission would see the hostages as witnesses.

The students, who said the council must remove the hostages from the occupied compound if it accepted responsibility for them, said they expected large demonstrations in support of their anti-American stand outside the U.S. embassy Friday.

Sources close to the students said the offer

to hand over the hostages to government control was considered as a challenge to the Revolutionary Council rather than a climb-down by the militants.

The sources said the authorities were now faced with the choice of continuing to defy the United States by holding the Americans or of risking unpopularity by releasing them.

Officially the hostages can be released only by Iran's Parliament, due to be elected this month and meet in late April. That decision was made by Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini.

The students insisted Thursday that their decision to hand over the Americans held in

the U.S. embassy since November 4, was taken without consultation with the revolutionary leader, despite speculation that the topic was raised at a meeting he held Thursday with President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

Foreign Minister Sadeq Ootbzadeb said after Thursday night's Revolutionary Council meeting that the authorities would begin considering details of the hostage handover.

There was no indication where the hostages might be taken and no evidence to confirm reports in the United States that they might be transferred to a Tehran hospital. Back in the United States, most relatives of the American hostages in Iran were skeptical when they heard Thursday that the militant students had asked the ruling Revolutionary Council to take responsibility for the captives.

But some got excited. "Beautiful," exclaimed Jesse Lopez, father of Marine Sgt. Jimmy Lopez when told of the development by the Associated Press. "That's beautiful. Sir, you have made me very happy with the remark. I think there will be some people really happy moving now in Washington, D.C. Things are going to start moving now."

But, disappointed so many times over the 124 days since the Iranians stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran most relatives were taking a wait-and-see attitude.

Marjorie Moore, wife of hostage Bert Moore said, "I don't think it's a significant breakthrough."

"I've been frustrated too many times," she said. "The only thing I'm going to believe is when they're on the plane and on their way home."

"I just refuse to let myself get excited. I've lost faith in the powers that be. This is what they're saying at the moment."

While the development did seem to signal a breakthrough, Iranian authorities, who have said a final decision on the hostages will not be made until April or May, had no immediate comment to indicate whether they now might be freed sooner.

In a related matter, a New York State judge says the Iranian government may be barred from suing the deposed Shah of Iran there because it may have abrogated its treaty with the United States by allowing Americans to be held hostage in the U.S. embassy.

Justice Irving Kirschenbaum commented Thursday in Manhattan Supreme Court, a state trial court, during arguments over whether Iran can sue former Shah Moham-mad Reza Pahlavi for \$56.5 billion in actual and punitive damages for money he allegedly stole during his reign.

Kirschenbaum stressed that he had not made up his mind on the jurisdictional question and said he would not issue a decision until attorneys for both sides present further legal papers.

Paul O'Dwyer, lawyer for the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, accused the judge of "making foreign policy" by mentioning the hostages, but Kirschenbaum said it was a legitimate jurisdictional issue.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Meandering thoughts (and facts) on winning and losing...Part the Second.

In the first part we instanced some winners and losers: mainly a certain Clifford and two horses. Now more — mainly on people.

The ancient and venerable Society of Men of Honor (more popularly known as the Mafia) must surely rate as one of the all time winners. (The losers in the game it plays do not bear thinking about.) In 1976, the last year for which estimates are available, it netted a cool sixty billion of greenest lettuce.

As the Capo di Cappi chaired the final board meeting for the year, he and the rest of the Men of Honor and Silence (What a dignified, quiet occasion that must have been) must have had the added satisfaction of not having to go through complicated tax forms. (These would have amounted to some twenty four billion dollars. There is clearly a case for legalization here.)

On a more mundane level — a job you ought to steer your kids away from at pre-

sent is that of a teacher: a job clearly no longer for winners. At least here in the West. Statistics published here tell us that there are two teachers available for each teaching post. This is in direct contrast with Petroleum Engineering — whither, kicking and screaming you should propel your brood — where there are apparently two jobs for each available engineer.

Of course, when a computer hits you with figures like these you don't just stand there and take it. You hit back. Ask it to figure how the Petroleum Engineering teachers are doing and watch it shake itself to pieces.

Please don't get the idea from the above that the first choice for the kids is a career in crime (starting in a modest way perhaps by kidnapping the neighbor's cat for ransom), with engineering a second best. If sheer moral considerations don't weigh much with you, please consider that an engineer designs such things as bridges while a criminal often ends up supporting them.

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Zimbabwe finds rare quiet

Mugabe to end martial law

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, March 7 (AP) — Rhodesia's 15-year state of emergency, a dusk-to-dawn curfew under which violators can be shot on sight, and martial law will all be abolished in the next two days, a spokesman for Prime Minister-designate Robert Mugabe said.

The measures had "become unnecessary" since the announcement of election results Tuesday ushered in one of the quietest periods in seven years of bloody war, said Eddison Zvogbo.

He also told a news conference that the military draft, covering most adult whites, coloreds (mixed race) and Asians and some blacks would end in the next few days.

Martial law would only apply in and around strategic installations "in case some people who have not recovered from their crushing defeat have some funny ideas," Zvogbo said.

In his first major foreign policy step since sweeping last week's national elections, Mugabe asked British Governor Lord Soames, "To put in hand the necessary procedures with a view to Zimbabwe becoming a member of the Commonwealth."

"We shall be in touch with the Commonwealth secretary-general accordingly," a British government spokesman said.

Since his victory was announced Tuesday, Mugabe has agreed to form a coalition with his wartime guerrilla ally, Joshua Nkomo, and decided "in principle" that Nkomo will be titular head of Africa's newest independent nation.

Zvogbo described as "speculation" reports

that Nkomo had rejected that offer.

He said that Mugabe would announce the composition of his government "as soon as possible so there is no uncertainty."

The prime minister-designate must submit the names of his cabinet to the British governor before he and his ministers are sworn in as a prelude to the appointment of a 40 member senate and the election of the titular president.

Mugabe was expected in the next few days to discuss with former Prime Minister Ian Smith, who detained him without trial for decades in the mid-1960s, the prospects of bringing whites into the government.

Former Rhodesian white leader Smith defiant to the last, gave a clear indication of that he planned to remain in politics in spite of the massive election victory of his foe Robert Mugabe and the advent of majority rule he once swore to resist for 1,000 years.

The former premier was speaking at his first press conference since Mugabe's landslide was announced last Tuesday.

Asked if he would serve in the coalition government Mugabe is assembling he said, "Much as I would like to avoid it... if anyone in Rhodesia today is called upon to serve the country he has no choice."

Smith said he could "love to get out of politics" but denied reports that his resignation had been demanded by Mugabe in return for white seats in a new Zimbabwe cabinet.

Will go at the appropriate time," he said.

Almost four years ago Smith vowed, "don't believe in majority rule, black majority rule, ever, in Rhodesia, not in a thousand years."



BLANKETS: Colombian Red Cross workers carry bundles of blankets to the Dominican Embassy in Bogota, where hostages are still waiting the outcome of the negotiations.

After release from Dominican embassy

Austrian official calls for end to occupation

VIENNA, March, 7 (R) — Austrian Ambassador Edgar Selzer, held hostage for eight days with other diplomats at the Dominican Republic embassy in Bogota, returned home Friday and called for a peaceful end to the embassy occupation by leaving guerrillas.

The guerrillas of the M-19 group occupying the embassy released Selzer Thursday because his wife was seriously ill in Austria.

"My strongest wish is that those who are able to do something good will try with all peaceful means to solve this affair," the exhausted ambassador told reporters at Vienna Airport.

"anything else could end in catastrophe."

In Bogota, the guerrillas holding 14 ambassadors and other hostages insist on the release of 311 leftists from jail have virtually

abandoned their demand for \$50 million, a government official reported.

Direct negotiations between the government and guerrillas are to have resumed Friday, Foreign Minister Diego Uribe Vargas told reporters following a meeting with President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala. Talks were held Sunday and Wednesday in a van parked near the Dominican Republic embassy and have continued intermittently by telephone.

A high-level government official said Thursday that negotiations have centered on the guerrillas' demand that 311 alleged political prisoners be released.

The official, who asked not to be identified by name, said the guerrillas "have practically abandoned" their demand for \$50 million in ransom in exchange for the safe release of the

hostages, seized 10 days ago during a diplomatic reception.

"They won't give in on their demand that their comrades be given freedom. But the government cannot give in without violating the constitution and the laws of the republic," he said.

The government denies it holds any political prisoners and says any guerrillas in jail are there for crimes they committed and not for political beliefs. Colombia's constitution permits the president to issue pardons only for political prisoners.

A military source said the armed forces support the government's stand against the guerrillas, who belong to M-19, or Movement 19, which takes its name from the April 19, 1980 presidential elections the group claims were rigged.

Five crewmen still missing Storms rips oil tanker in half off Brittany

BREST, France, March 7 (R) — Three bodies were picked up at sea and five crewmen were missing after an 18,000-ton oil tanker broke in two in a storm off the northern Brittany coast Friday, Brest port authorities said.

Thirty-one members of the crew from the Madagascar-registered oil tanker *Tania* were rescued by helicopter, they said.

Tanker's captain and his first mate, both French, were among the missing, the authorities said.

The *Tania* was carrying a cargo of 26,000 tons of fuel oil from the West German port of

Wilhelmshaven to Civita Vecchia, Italy, when it ran into a gale.

The tanker split in two parts which soon drifted several miles apart.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 tons of oil gushed from the hold and was floating in rough seas off the Batz Island, the authorities said.

French navy helicopters took the survivors to Brest's military airfield while pollution fighting tug-boats rushed to the scene.

The dead men were picked up by a French trawler heading for the northern Brittany

fishing port of Roscoff.

French fleet air arm coastal patrol aircraft and helicopters were searching for the missing men and French and British ships were standing by to help.

The *Tania* shipwreck occurred less than a year after a collision of two oil tankers — the Liberian-registered *Gino* and the Bergen-based *Teah Caston* — and 18 months after the world's worst shipping disaster, the sinking of the tanker *Amoco Cadiz*, with 220,005 tons of crude oil.

Both accidents caused heavy oil pollution on the Brittany coast.

Intensive treatment continuing

Tito's doctors report condition still stable

LIUBLJANA, Yugoslavia, March 7, (R) — President Tito's condition remains unchanged and intensive medical treatment is continuing, his doctors said Friday.

There has been no further deterioration in the health of the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader since a weakening of his heart was reported last Sunday. Since then, his condition has been virtually unchanged.

President Tito, whose left leg was amputated on Jan. 20, to relieve an artery block-

age, is also suffering from kidney failure. Doctors have made no reference to a simultaneous attack of pneumonia since Tuesday, when they said it was subsiding.

Friday's medical bulletin said, "the general state of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito remains essentially unchanged also today. Intensive treatment is continuing."

A medical bulletin on Tuesday said the

pneumonia had started to subside, and there have been no further references to bleeding. This has led to a widespread belief that doctors have been able to stabilize his condition.

Since Wednesday, they have avoided using the word "grave" in describing his condition in the daily bulletins. But officials said the description still applied.

Friday's bulletin said his condition "remains essentially unchanged also today," with intensive treatment continuing.

Gold takes sharp dive; dollar gains

LONDON, March 7 (R) — The price of gold and other metals, booming recently in an atmosphere of international tension and loss of confidence in paper money, fell back Friday and gold dropped particularly sharply.

At one stage, gold fell to \$600 dollars an ounce for the first time since the wild price fluctuations of January.

Some people in financial circles were wondering whether the recent rush to buy metal and other commodities — anything which looked like safe investments — might be over.

Dealers on world markets said the fall in metals was caused by the new strength of the dollar, boosted by currently high interest

rates in the United States, and by hopes of a breakthrough over the U.S. hostages in Iran. A report by the West German metals concern Degussa, predicted Friday however that the current retreat in gold prices would not last long.

Degussa said in its latest monthly report that the continued worldwide inflationary trend must in the long term give the gold price a new impulse.

Prime rates had put the dollar back on solid ground, a reversal in the development could arise, driving up the gold price if the U.S. authorities did not take urgent anti-inflationary measures, Degussa said.

At the height of the gold craze in January

the metal reached a record \$875 an ounce. Many ordinary people queued to buy small quantities as a personal stake against uncertain times.

Later that month, wild price fluctuations saw gold suddenly drop back to \$600 before rising again, and this may have frightened some investors away.

LONDON, March 7 (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	611.50
Paris	613.27
Frankfurt	604.53
Zurich	602.50
Hong Kong	613.28

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